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## Kuwait UN assembly VP

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 20, (Kuna): Kuwait's permanent representative Mohammed A. Abdulhussain was elected last night as one of the General Assembly's vice-presidents.  
Earlier in the day, Joseph Garba of Nigeria was picked unanimously as the 159-member assembly's president, succeeding Duarte Caputo of Argentina.

## Mubarak appeals Say yes; Arafat did

OCCUPIED Jerusalem, Sept. 20, (Agencies): Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak, appealing to Israelis over their leaders' heads, said today that PLO leader Yasser Arafat had accepted his proposal for direct Israeli-Palestinian peace talks.  
In a two-hour interview with Israeli journalists in Cairo broadcast in part on Israel Radio, Mubarak said:  
"I call on Israel to tell its government to agree with the principle of territories for peace. Don't you have to give me something for peace?"  
"Arafat agrees to a dialogue with two delegations, only you Israelis are complicating the issue, and I emphasize this."  
He added: "Arafat has a majority, but he has opposition from other organizations and from his own organization (Fatah)."  
The PLO has rejected an Israeli plan for elections in the occupied West Bank and Gaza Strip leading to limited self-rule. But Arafat has not publicly responded to 10 Egyptian points to clarify the plan. PLO officials have insisted that if talks are convened, Palestinians from outside the territories must participate.  
Israel's left-right unity government is divided over the moves by Egypt.  
Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir's right-wing Likud Party opposes the 10 points, which call on Israel to trade occupied land for peace, and Egypt's proposal for talks to include Palestinians from outside the occupied territories.  
Shamir said yesterday: "There is no justified place for the Arab demand to include residents from abroad."  
Likud sees this as tantamount to negotiating with the PLO, contrary to government policy.  
Defence Minister Yitzhak Rabin of the more dovish Labour Party strongly backed Mubarak's proposal for direct talks with Palestinians in a day-long visit to Cairo this week.  
In an indication of the internal Fatah opposition to Arafat, the PLO's hardline, pro-Soviet foreign affairs chief, Farouk Kaddoumi, dismissed the Egyptian initiative in an interview published today.  
"It's an Egyptian initiative which has nothing to do with us," he told the Tunisian government newspaper Al Safah, adding that Arafat was only shutting between Tunis and Cairo to

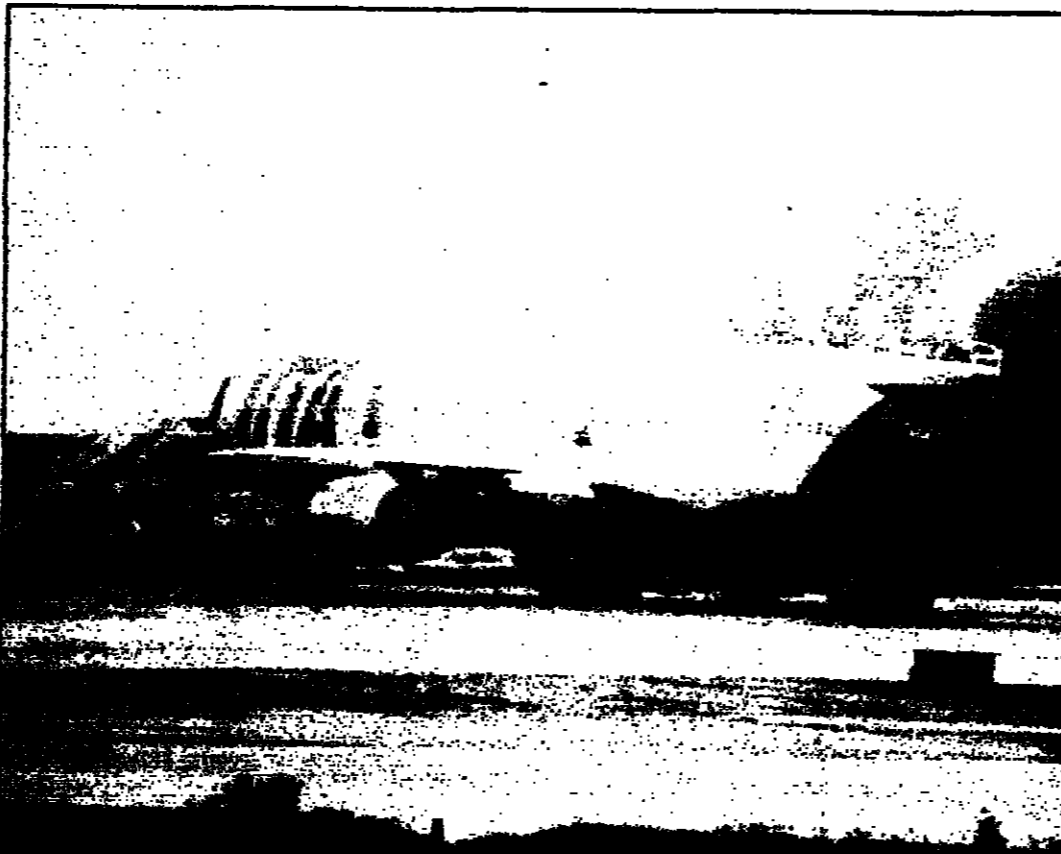
# Jihad claims DC-10 bombing; No survivors in desert waste

Shadow of Lockerbie as investigators probe high altitude explosion

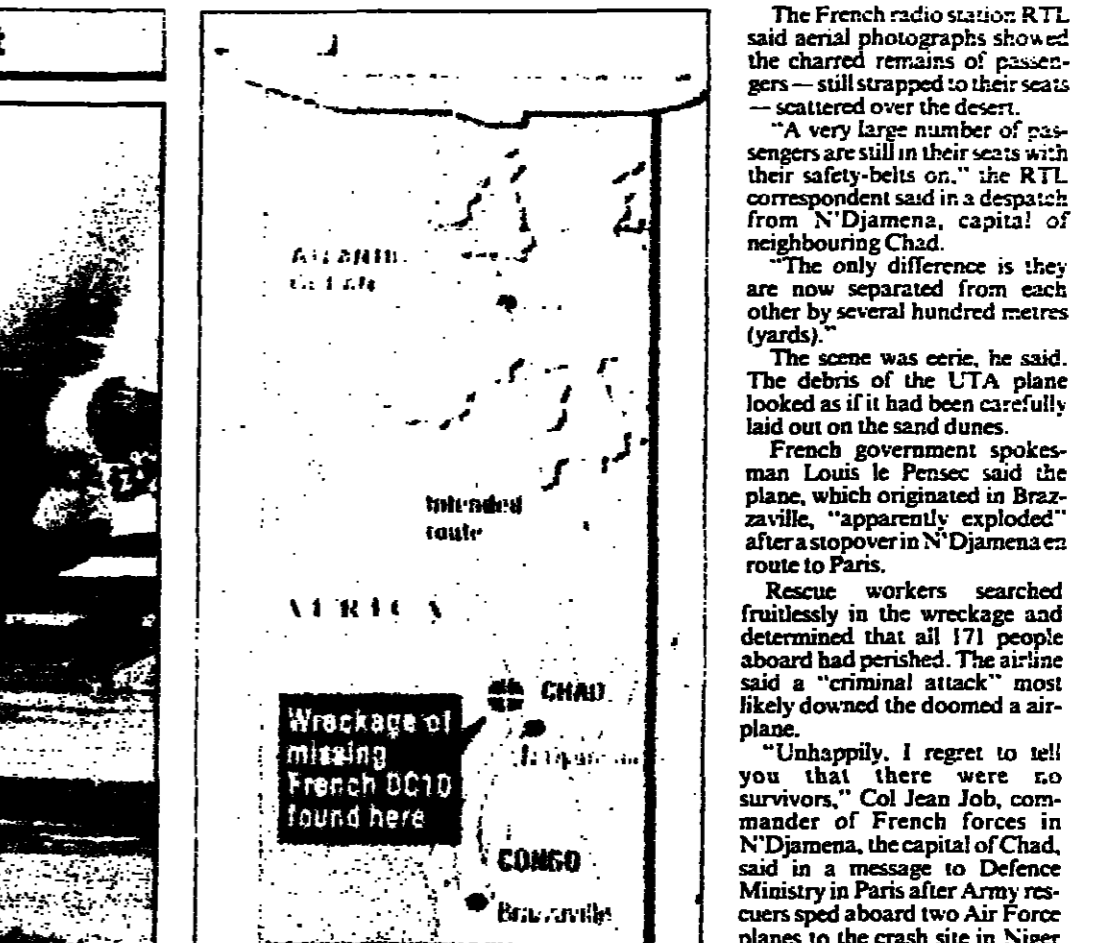
PARIS, Sept. 20, (Agencies): French airline officials said today they suspected a bomb blew apart a DC-10 airliner over the Sahara desert and that none of the 171 people aboard had survived.  
Michel Friess, chief spokesman for French Airliner UTA, said that bodies and wreckage had been discovered over more than 100 square km (40 square miles) of desert in the Central African state of Niger, indicating "an explosion of extreme violence."  
He noted striking similarities between this disaster and the bombing of a Pan Am Boeing "47 over Scotland last December.  
A man claiming to speak for the Iranian-backed fundamentalist group Islamic Jihad said today it was responsible for the crash of a French DC-10 airliner in Niger.  
In a telephone call to an international news agency, a man speaking English with a foreign accent said:

"We are proud of this action which was very successful."  
The caller said: "In the name of Allah and Imam Khomeini, the Islamic Jihad issued this statement: 'We are proud of this action which was very successful and we would like to say the French are warned not to exchange information regarding Sheikh Obeid with the Israelis no more.'  
"We demand the freedom of Sheikh Obeid and otherwise we will refresh the memories of the bombings in Paris of 85-86. Long live the Islamic republic of Iran."  
French government sources said they doubted the authenticity of the claim, saying Islamic Jihad usually made such claims in Beirut in written Arabic statements.  
Earlier, another caller claiming to speak for Islamic Jihad telephoned the UTA airliner in Paris to claim responsibility for the attack.

## Scattered victims with belts scattered over desert



AUTA DC-10 similar to the one that crashed yesterday. (Reuters wirephoto)



Graphic shows flight path and crash site of the missing UTA DC-10

The French radio station RTL said aerial photographs showed the charred remains of passengers — still strapped to their seats — scattered over the desert.  
"A very large number of passengers are still in their seats with their safety-belts on," the RTL correspondent said in a despatch from Niamey, capital of neighbouring Chad.  
The only difference is they are now separated from each other by several hundred metres (yards).  
The scene was eerie, he said. The debris of the UTA plane looked as if it had been carefully laid out on the sand dunes.  
French government spokesman Louis le Penec said the plane, which originated in Brazzaville, "apparently exploded" after a stopover in Niamey en route to Paris.  
Rescue workers searched fruitlessly in the wreckage and determined that all 171 people aboard had perished. The airline said a "criminal attack" most likely downed the doomed airplane.  
"Unhappily, I regret to tell you that there were no survivors," Col Jean Job, commander of French forces in Niamey, said in a message to Defence Ministry in Paris after Army rescuers sped aboard two Air Force planes to the crash site in Niger and scoured the area.  
It took rescuers almost 24 hours to arrive at the remote crash site. About 100 of the passengers were believed to be Africans and 31 were French. Americans and Swiss nationals were also on the passenger list. The 15-strong crew was all French.  
Among the passengers were Chadian Planning Minister Soumaila Mahamat and Bonnie Pugh, wife of the US ambassador to Chad.  
Two helicopters landed near the wreckage with doctors aboard and French troops were parachuted onto the site from transport planes which took off from Niamey, where a contingent of French troops is based.  
UTA said no survivors had been found. Friess commented: "Hopes of finding survivors are fading and suspicions that it was a criminal attack are growing."  
Friess said UTA had immediately thought of the crash of the Pan Am Boeing over Lockerbie, Scotland, when they first heard of yesterday's tragedy.  
Investigators showed the Pan Am jet was blown out of the sky by a bomb shortly after taking off from London.  
"We thought of Lockerbie from the start, ever since we lost contact. The quality of the pilot and the plane were such that it means we're now looking at a similar scenario," said Friess.  
The French Transport Ministry said it was sending a team of investigators immediately to probe the crash.  
In Washington, the National Transportation Safety Board also announced it was sending a team of US investigators to assist.

# Death in moonscape of sand, stone

## US fines Pan Am for Lockerbie bombing

PARIS, Sept. 20, (Agencies): Rescuers flying over the Sahara desert today spotted bodies and widely scattered wreckage from a French DC-10 airliner which apparently exploded over Niger.  
Officials told reporters wreckage from the plane was spread over a vast 100 square km (40 square mile) area of desert.  
A statement from Union des Transports Aeriens (UTA) in Paris said fragments of the aircraft had been found north of Lake Chad, 650 km (400 miles) north of the Chadian capital, N'Djamena.  
"This makes the hypothesis of an extremely violent explosion the most probable one so far," the statement said.  
UTA said the wreckage was scattered over an area of 100 square km (40 sq miles).  
The plane was on a flight from Brazzaville, Congo, to Paris with a stopover in N'Djamena. Earlier reports put the number of passengers and crew at 171.  
French troops now face the task of recovering the 156 passengers and 15 crew — all feared dead — from a site in the southern reaches of the vast Sahara, 650 km (400 miles) from the Chadian capital of N'Djamena.  
French troops based in France's former colony of Chad were on Wednesday examining two options: Landing a plane near the crash site or parachuting in rescue workers equipped with mobile operating units in case survivors were found.  
"I have very bad memories of this region. It's one of the most difficult terrains I have ever visited," said Georges Lavallet, a geologist at France's National Geographic Institute.  
UTA said a plane that overflew the crash site today reported the jet had plunged in a moon-like wasteland of sand and stones.  
Puma helicopters with auxiliary fuel tanks and accompanied by a refuelling plane set off from N'Djamena for the site.  
French military officials in Chad said they feared they would find no survivors.

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, (AP): The US government today announced \$630,000 in fines against Pan American World Airways for alleged security violations found after the bombing of Flight 103 over Lockerbie, Scotland, that killed 270 people.  
Pan Am, which has 30 days to appeal, said the violations cited were "administrative rather than substantive" and did not contribute to the downing of its airliner.  
The Federal Aviation Administration, in announcing the fines, said Pan Am had corrected all of the problems, which included lapses in passenger and cargo inspections.  
A letter sent to Pan Am yesterday by the FAA contained "no allegations that any of the violations contributed to the Flight 103 tragedy," the FAA said.  
The FAA, which regulates domestic airlines, accused the carrier of security breaches in both London and Frankfurt, West Germany, before passengers boarded the Dec 21 flight for New York. The fines also involve three other Pan Am flights at London's Heathrow airport and two others at Frankfurt.  
A bomb hidden in a radio-cassette player blew the Boeing "74" airliner apart, investigators have said. They are still trying to determine who planted the bomb.  
The penalties include \$480,000 for violations in London and \$150,000 for those in Frankfurt.  
FAA spokesman John Leyden said the

violations included failure to identify passengers for further screening before allowing them and their baggage aboard the flight, improper methods used to check carry-on baggage of passengers and failure to conduct the required search of cargo areas prior to loading the airliner.  
The violations were detected during an FAA investigation of Pan Am security procedures at Heathrow and the Frankfurt airport between Dec 22, 1988, and Jan 31, 1989, Leyden said.  
He said the airline failed to apply proper procedures to identify 31 passengers before allowing them aboard Flight 103. In addition, Leyden said, five passengers were identified at Frankfurt for further screening but it was not done.  
planes could reach the crash site but it would take some time to get there.  
A small airstrip built by an oil company 20 years ago is located nearby, and planes as big as DC-10s landed there during this year's rally.  
Anxious friends and relatives gathered at Paris' Charles de Gaulle airport for news of the plane.  
Search parties left N'Djamena and the Niger capital, Niamey, this morning after a French plane spotted wreckage some 600 km (350 miles) northwest of the Chadian capital.  
The plane went down in a remote part of the Sahara, in the Tenere desert, where only Nomads and participants in the annual Paris-Dakar car rally pass.  
UTA officials said no distress signal had been received from the pilot of the DC-10.  
American government investigators planned to travel to the site of the crash as soon as they received diplomatic clearance.  
In 1984 an empty UTA plane was blown up after leaving N'Djamena and the airline also announced it was sending a security company to protect its aircraft at the African airport.

## Three top leaders dropped Kremlin reshuffle

MOSCOW, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Three full members of the Soviet Communist Party's ruling Politburo were dropped today in a major reshuffle which apparently strengthened the hand of reformers in the Kremlin leadership.  
Soviet television named the three dropped men as Ukrainian party chief Vladimir Shcherbitch, legal affairs chief and former KGB head Viktor Cernomyr, and Agriculture Secretary Viktor Nikonov.  
The dramatic changes, announced after a meeting of the Communist Party's central committee, also included the departure of Nikolai Talyzin and Yuri Boloyov, both candidates, non-voting, members of the Politburo.  
Current KGB head Vladimir Kryuchkov was promoted directly from the central committee ranks to full Politburo membership, and planning chief Yuri Masluykov was raised from candidate to full membership of the Politburo.  
Yevgeny Primakov, a protégé of Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev and chairman of the Chamber of the Union, one of the two houses of the new Soviet parliament, was made a candidate member. (See Page 7)

## NEWSWATCH

**Force in North Sri Lanka:** Tamil separatist rebels have responded to a ceasefire announcement by Indian troops in northern Sri Lanka by suspending attacks, a spokesman said on Wednesday.  
In southern Sri Lanka Sinhalese People's Liberation Front (JVP) guerrillas fighting to overthrow the government continued their struggle.  
Villagers said 24 bodies with gunshot wounds were found on Wednesday by a road at Nagalla 32 km (20 miles) northeast of Colombo. The more were found nearby in Essala.  
**Parcel bomb kills postman:** A parcel bomb believed mailed by Basque separatists killed a postman and slightly injured several bystanders in a town near this northern city, police said on Wednesday.

**Drug barons in Brazil:** Eight leaders of Colombia's powerful Medellin drug cartel have fled to Brazil, a senior Brazilian drug official said in two newspaper reports published on Wednesday.  
All eight are on a list of alleged drug traffickers whose extradition has been requested by the United States.  
**A millionaire all of a sudden:** A country vet was Wednesday coming to terms with life as a multi-millionaire after being left three million pounds by an elderly spinster, whose horses he looked after, it was reported in London.  
The British media highlighted on Wednesday in long reports that the vet, Philip Pocock, has

also become a lord of the manor, despite protests from the spinster's relatives, Miss Margaret de Beaumont.  
They went to court after her death to challenge her will, claiming she was of unsound mind.  
**Britons, Israelis trained cartel squads:** Colombia's Interior Minister said government investigations have shown that 11 Britons and five Israelis trained hit squads linked to cocaine cartels.  
Interior Minister Orlando Vasquez Velasquez added in testimony to the Senate on Tuesday night that government probes revealed the mercenaries had previously served in elite anti-terrorist units. (Reuters)

## Mother fine, pains gone

CALCUTTA, Sept. 20, (Agencies): Roman Catholic missionary Mother Teresa, in hospital suffering from heart problems, no longer has chest pains and her temperature has returned to normal, doctors said today. Doctors said the mother was recovering satisfactorily but there were possibilities of a relapse.  
They said in a medical bulletin that the Nobel peace prize winner had had no chest pains for 36 hours and her temperature had been normal for 48 hours.

## DAY BY DAY

**MR Faisal Al Khazam**, chairman of the Livestock Company attributes the dark colour of Australian meat to the fact that they are desperate and dejected because of being away from home — particularly moments before slaughter. As they see their colleagues being slaughtered, the Australian sheep become frightened and worried.  
One would like to know the opinion of Mr Faisal as to why the Arabian Najdi sheep which come from the heart of the desert, or Turkish sheep, which arrive walking, or loaded in old trucks provide meat which is both delicious and wholesome. Australian sheep, on the contrary, are transported in good ventilated ships accompanied with a veterinary doctor and fresh fodder.  
Well, apparently we have to avoid being subjected to dejection and desperation if it is true that with the dejection, the colour of one's skin turns dark!  
**Zahed Matar**

# Too busy to mark son's birthday

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Pakistan's best-known baby turns one tomorrow but his mother has no time to organise his birthday party.

Benazir Bhutto is too busy being prime minister to 107 million Pakistanis.

"I'm missing my baby very much at the moment," Benazir confided in an interview yesterday in Islamabad.

"I have asked one of my relatives to arrange a little birthday party for him in Karachi."

Bilawal Zardari was born eight weeks before his mother's triumph last November in Pakistan's first openly-contested elections for 11 years.

He lives in the port city of Karachi with his father, businessman Asif Zardari. Benazir spends most of her time on the move or in Islamabad, a sprawling mansion overlooking the National Assembly building in Islamabad.

She visits him at weekends, when she can get away from the capital, a

## Benazir to visit Bangladesh in October

DHAKA, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto will pay a two-day visit to Dhaka from Oct 1 for talks with Bangladeshi leaders on economic and political ties.

Officials said Benazir, chairwoman of the South Asian Association for Regional Co-operation (Sarc), would also discuss with President Hossain Mohammad Ershad

two-hour flight away.

"I thought it better for the baby to be there, I didn't want to leave him alone at the house (here) because I'm always travelling to some other place," she said.

"He always smiles when I come. I think children have this natural love for a mother, because I'm hardly ever with him, but when I see him his face lights up and he wants to come to me," Benazir said.

Laughing at her own maternal pride, she added: "The last time I was Karachi, he took his first steps alone,

without holding onto a bed or holding onto any rail."

On a more serious note she added: "I think that this government has given a role model not only for Muslim women in Pakistan but for women in the entire Muslim world ... to demonstrate that a woman can combine a home and a career. I think that it has motivated many women."

How does the world's first Muslim woman elected leader, at 36 the youngest prime minister of a major country, cope with the pressures of office?

ways to strengthen the seven-nation body.

The official BSS news agency said the talks would cover the repatriation of Pakistan of 250,000 Bihari refugees living in 66 squalid camps in Bangladesh.

Bangladesh, formerly East Pakistan, emerged as an independent nation in December, 1971, after a nine-month guerrilla war over political and economic disputes.

"Working is the best relaxation," she said. "Sometimes I get a little tired. If I have six hours (sleep) several days running I get a little tired, I need seven hours."

"I love walking, I love to be able to get out and walk, it clears my mind. Otherwise what you have in the day, you get up in the morning, you have one appointment, and then the second and third ..."

"But when you walk, then all those little thoughts cluttered up in your mind can straighten themselves out and I feel better," she said.

## India holds fire in Lanka

COLOMBO, Sept. 20, (AP): Indian peacekeeping troops today declared a ceasefire in their two-year-old battle against Tamil guerrillas fighting for an independent nation, and the rebels said they would reciprocate.

Elsewhere, the government said at least 53 people had been killed in ethnic violence since yesterday. The victims included seven family members shot and hacked to death by suspected Sinhalese extremists.

Indian soldiers halted military operations against Tamil rebels at 6 am (0030 GMT). The suspension was part of an agreement signed earlier by India and Sri Lanka that calls for all 42,000 Indian soldiers to leave this violence-ravaged island by Dec 31.

However, Lt. Gen. A.S. Kalkat, the commander of the Indian troops, said his forces will take action necessary to maintain law and order in the northeast, where they were deployed in July 1987 to supervise an arms surrender by Tamil guerrillas.

Self-defence Tamil rebel groups, including the largest and most militant Liberation Tigers of Tamil Eelam, said they would honour the ceasefire.

"We will observe the ceasefire if the Indians cease all armed operations against our cadres," the Tamil Tigers said in a statement. "We reserve the right to self-defence if the Indian Army launches an armed action against the LTTE."

Indian troops have on at least three previous occasions temporarily suspended military operations against the Tamil rebels. For the first time, the ceasefire that began today will be monitored by an observer group headed by Kalkat and the Sri Lankan Army commander, Hamilton Wanasinghe.

India dispatched its peacekeeping soldiers to Sri Lanka, in July 1987 to supervise a peace accord that offered the Tamil rebels limited autonomy if they would lay down their weapons and end their fight for an independent homeland in the northeast.

### Killings

But the Tamil Tigers rejected the accord, saying it did not meet their expectations, and turned their guns on the Indian soldiers.

The presence of the Indian soldiers and the government's peace offer to the Tamils also triggered a campaign of political killings by Sinhalese extremists. They contend that the Sinhalese-dominated government had offered too many concessions to the minority Tamils and had compromised the nation's sovereignty by inviting Indian soldiers to Sri Lanka.

Sinhalese extremists belonging to the ultranationalist People's Liberation Front have been accused of killing government officials and security personnel as well as politicians and civilians who are not sympathetic to their cause.

Last night, suspected Sinhalese radicals shot and hacked to death five children between the ages of three and 12 and their parents in Ratnapura district, 70 kms (45 miles) southeast of Colombo, a government commune said. The attackers then set fire to the house, it said.

### Massacre

Police today found 35 unidentified bodies, including that of six women and five Buddhist priests, in western Sri Lanka, military officials and residents reported.

Residents from Eschella town, in the western Gampaha district, 24 kms from Colombo, said, the 35 bodies with gunshot injuries were found on roads this morning by the police and civilians.

The residents, speaking on condition of anonymity over the telephone, said the massacre was possibly linked to the torching of the house of a senior military official in the vicinity on Monday by Sinhalese extremists.

### Satanic lover

## Girlfriend boiled

NEW YORK, Sept. 20, (AP): A spurned lover charged with killing his dancer-girlfriend and reducing her body to boiled, peeled bones called himself the anti-Christ and advocate of the overthrow of the government, a newspaper reported today.

"I say that I'm the new lord," the New York Post quoted Daniel Rakowitz as saying in an interview two months ago with a free-lance writer.

"And I will take leadership of the Satanic cultists to make sure they do everything that has to be done to destroy all those people who do disagree with my church."

Rakowitz, 28, was arrested on Monday before a bucket of bones was found at a bus terminal. He remained jailed today in the slaying of Monika Beerie, a native of Switzerland.

Neighbours said Rakowitz carried a live rooster on the street. In the interview, Rakowitz said New Yorkers should smoke marijuana, kill cocaine and heroin dealers and overthrow the government.

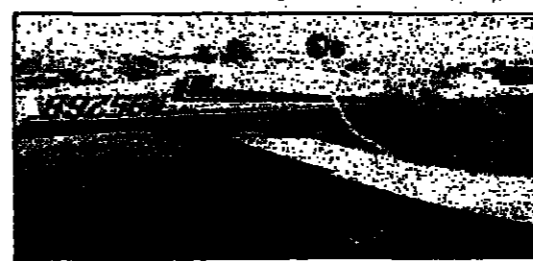
A free-lance videographer and writer, Clayton Patterson, had interviewed Rakowitz after he took part in a melee with police last year in a park.



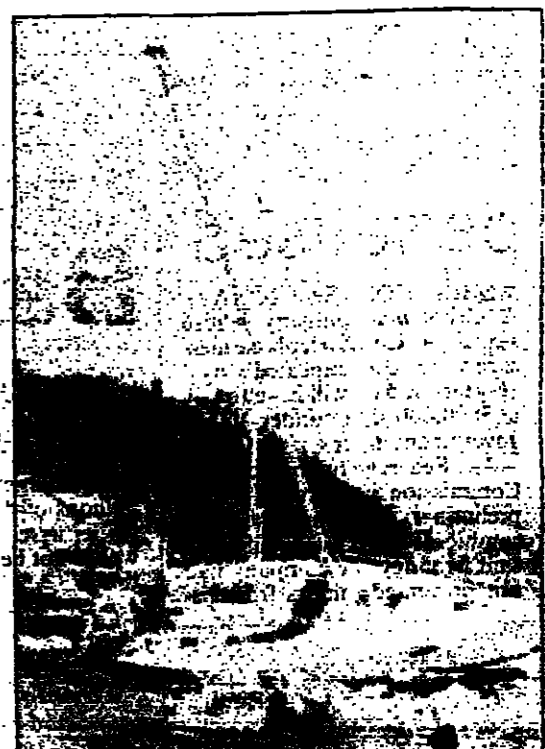
View of a Guadeloupe suburb ripped by Hugo. (Reuters wirephoto)



Traffic moves past a San Juan street devastated by Hugo.



A plane lays upside down after Hugo swept past Puerto Rico.



Hugo puts a yacht to rest on a highway.

## US braces up for Hugo

Hurricane cuts a swath of destruction

MIAMI, Sept. 20, (Agencies): East Coast residents from Florida to North Carolina stocked up on groceries and supplies and US Navy ships headed for open water today in advance of hurricane Hugo's expected assault.

On St. Croix, in the US Virgin Islands, witnesses said looting broke out and law enforcement had collapsed in the wake of the storm, which has been blamed for at least 25 deaths throughout the Caribbean.

Forecasters said chances of storm hitting the US East Coast late this week were steadily increasing. Most projected paths had the hurricane hitting between Cape Canaveral, Florida, and Cape Hatteras, North Carolina, by Saturday.

Today, the storm brushed northeast of the Bahamas with 105 miles an hour (169 kilometre) winds. Hugo was expected to churn on a course parallel to the chain of islands, bringing mostly high wind and rain.

"Although the indications are that it's going to move east of the more populated areas, no one is relaxing their vigil because it can change direction," said Bill Kalis, a spokesman for the Bahamian government.

Workers in the Bahamas boarded up windows of government buildings, and prime minister Lynden Pindling cut short a state visit to Jamaica to return home today.

At 1600 GMT, Hugo centre was 360 miles (579 kilometres) east of Nassau in the Bahamas and moving northwest at 12 miles (19 kilometres) an hour. Little change in strength was expected today.

The US navy today began to send ships to sea from a base at Charleston, South Carolina, to avoid storm damage.

The storm's death toll was

incomplete, and officials feared it would grow as rescuers searched collapsed buildings.

A civil defence spokeswoman in Puerto Rico, Cezanne Rivera, said the storm had claimed at least 25 lives on Sunday and Monday as it churned westward through the Leeward Islands and hit Puerto Rico before heading northwest.

Two people were killed in Puerto Rico and other independently confirmed deaths included nine people on the British islands of Montserrat, five on the French territory of Guadeloupe and two on Antigua.

In the US Virgin Islands, witnesses in St. Croix reported widespread looting and said tourists pleaded with reporters for help in getting out.

"When we landed, we were pounced upon by about 15 tourists," said Gary Williams, a photographer for El Nuevo Dia of San Juan, Puerto Rico. "They said, 'Please get food. Please get water. Please help us. They're looting. We've seen police looting. We've seen national guard looting. There's no law and order here.'"

The storm destroyed or damaged an estimated 97 per cent of the buildings. But civil defence officials reported no deaths among the island's 53,000 population.

In San Juan, Coast Guard petty officer John Ware said Coast Guard cutters were steaming offshore St. Croix today "showing the flag and awaiting instructions (on possible military assistance)."

Hugo so far has left more than 50,000 Caribbean residents homeless, hundreds injured and millions of dollars in damage. It ripped away roofs, flattened houses, flipped planes, damaged

cash crops and knocked out power and communications.

Hugo's 125 mile (200 kilometre) an hour winds on Monday smashed directly into Puerto Rico, where officials said 10,000 people were homeless and 25,000 were in shelters.

Several US relief flights were planned for Puerto Rico today. Two US Coast Guard planes carrying fresh water, food and lumber arrived there late yesterday.

The International Red Cross in Geneva said today it is sending emergency supplies of blankets, plastic sheeting, generators, water containers and purifiers to help Caribbean Islands hit by Hugo.

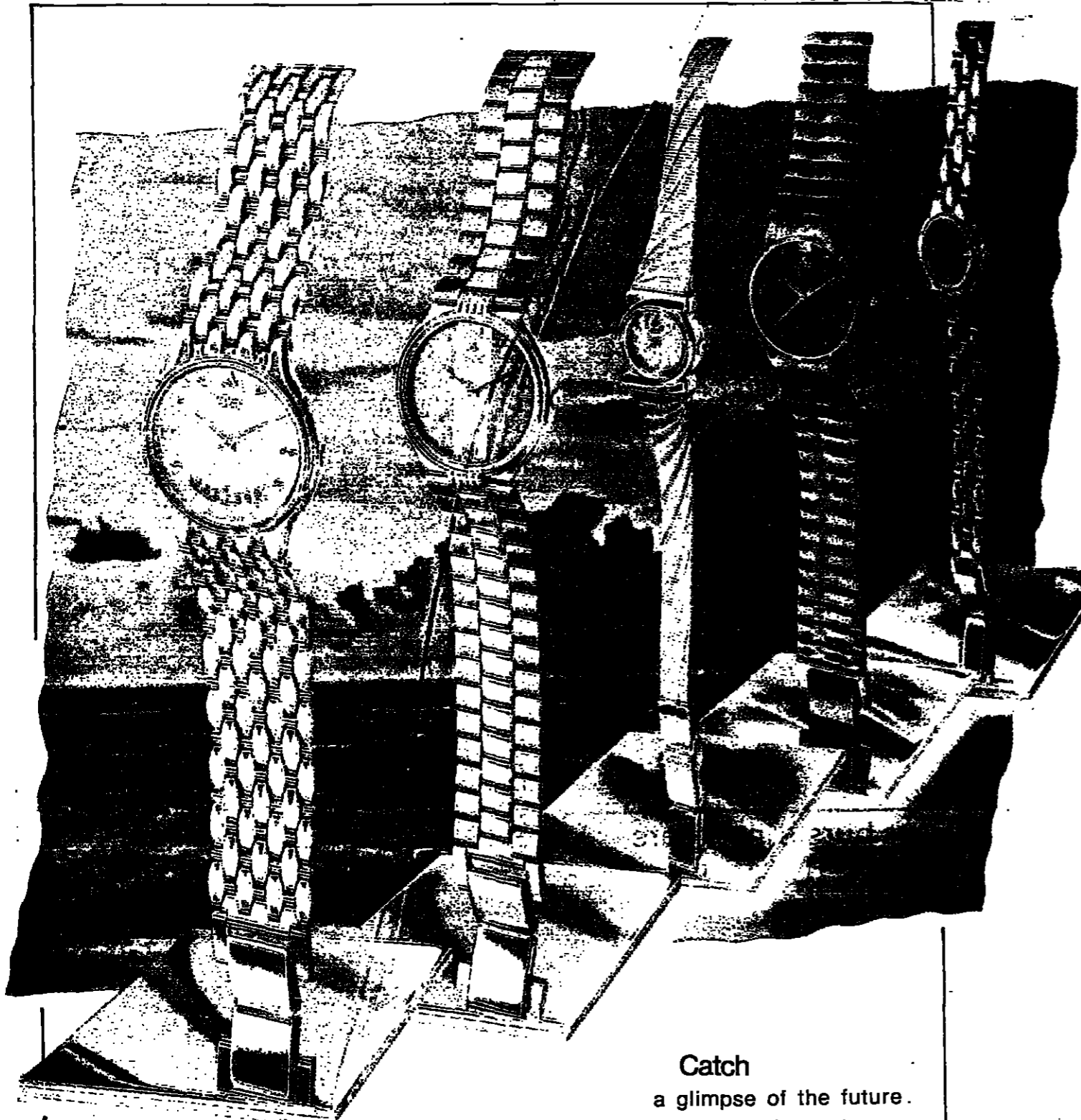
A spokeswoman for the International League of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies said a British Red Cross charter plane was en route to Antigua with 32.5 metric tonnes of supplies.

A Canadian Red Cross plane was to land in Antigua with additional supplies tomorrow, said the League spokeswoman, Ann Naef. She said the aid would be distributed to Antigua, Dominica and other Caribbean Islands as needed.

Japan hit Typhoon Wayne hit Japan's Pacific Coast yesterday and early today, killing at least seven people, including three elementary school children, police said.

By 10.20 am (0120 GMT) today, four houses had been destroyed and 4,042 houses flooded, roads were damaged at 99 locations and landslides occurred at 166 locations in 33 prefectures, the NPA official said.

Weathermen said Wayne, the 22nd typhoon this year, was centred at a point in the Pacific Ocean about 250 kilometres (150 miles) off Iwakai, northern Japan, moving in a northeasterly direction.



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# 'Jaws' hamper search for Earhart

SUVA, Fiji, Sept. 20, (AP) — Sharks circling a deserted Pacific island are hampering efforts to find traces of Amelia Earhart and her crashed 1937 plane, the leader of the US expedition said today.

Richard Gillespie, head of a Wilmington, Delaware, group devoted to searching for old planes, said divers were reluctant to enter the lagoon at uninhabited Nikumaroro island because of the danger from sharks.

The 16-member expedition of the international group for historic aircraft recovery arrived yesterday at the remote island in the Phoenix group of the Kiribati chain to begin a three-week search for the remains of the pilot who vanished over the South Pacific in 1937 attempting the first around-the-world flight.

Gillespie, speaking to base camp in Fiji, some 1,000 miles (1,600 kilometres) to the west, said waters off Nikumaroro, also known as Gardner,

were infested with sharks.

The group includes naval historians, archaeologists, divers and sonar experts who are mapping the island on a grid system — much as underwater divers do to survey shipwrecks — in hopes of finding Earhart's Lockheed Electra plane.

The team spent two years trying to figure out where Earhart went down and concluded she probably crashed, and died of thirst, on Nikumaroro — some 500 miles (800 kilometres) south of her intended stopover destination of Howland Island.

"Fear of provoking shark attacks in the murky waters is keeping divers out of the lagoon proper," said Dana Whitehouse, a member of group who stayed in Fiji to maintain daily radio contact.

Theories abound on the fate of Earhart, including speculation she was captured by the Japanese while on a spy mission over the Marshall Islands. But Gillespie dismissed the theory, saying there was no Japanese military presence there in 1937.

## Britannica in a disk

More than 600 megabytes of memory

NEW YORK, Sept. 20, (UPI) — Encyclopaedia Britannica today unveiled a compact disk on which its entire 26-volume edition is stored with sight, sound and animated illustrations and new research indexes designed to revolutionize scholarship in the 1990s.

The publishing innovation was to be demonstrated to the news media by Stanley D. Frank, president of Britannica Software Inc., a subsidiary of Encyclopaedia Britannica, at the New York Academy of Sciences. Frank said that when searching for a comparison to the new reference disk "one recalls Gutenberg's use of movable type more than 500 years ago."

The disk has more than 600 megabytes of memory, the equivalent of 1,800 of the floppy disks now available on the market.

Frank headed a team of 60 who worked 18 months to develop the CD-Rom disk, the first in which multiple mediums have been incorporated.

It operates on IBM-AT and IBM-PS/2 model 30 per-

sonal computers, as well as on the compatible handy model 100 31. Compatible CD-Rom drives include the Sony CDV-100, Hitachi and Amdek.

Besides the nearly 9 million-word data base the disk provides access to Webster's intermediate dictionary with 65,000 entries. It also offers 15,000 illustrations, including charts, maps and diagrams, with about a fourth of the illustrations in full colour and some animated. Illustrations can be called up in less than three seconds.

There also are sounds that help illustrate some of the data, including recordings of famous speeches, such as John F. Kennedy's inaugural address, the music of great composers from Bach to Bizet, the tone of various instruments, and the purrs, barks and songs of animals and birds. There is even a recording of a Muslim muezzin calling the faithful to prayer.

Frank said equally important are new research indexes built into the system. Which can be reached by clicking a user button he called a "mouse."

## Tele-sex company penalised

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, (AP) — A California company whose sexually-oriented telephone messages were called repeatedly by a 16-year-old boy will have to pay a \$600,000 fine under a US government order.

The Federal Communications Commission, in affirming a 1988 preliminary ruling against Intercom of San Jose, California, said Monday the company had not prevented minors from listening to the sexually explicit material and had not prevented telephone calls from other states, as required by law.

The commission's investigation "found the evidence conclusive that Intercom's messages were obscene and that it had in fact operated and was continuing to operate in violation of the law," the commission said.

So-called "dial-a-porn" companies make available sexually explicit messages on telephone numbers that are widely advertised. Listeners' charges are added to their telephone bills.

The FCC said the complaint that prompted the investigation came in 1987 from a woman who said her 16-year-old son was dialing the phone service.

According to a commission report, the mother said her son, who was seeing a psychiatrist, placed more than 280 calls to various companies with the explicit recorded messages during a 2 1/2-month period.

## Staging his own death

FORT LAUDERDALE, Florida, Sept. 20, (AP) — A man suspected of staging his own death in 1982 to collect a \$500,000 insurance policy has been arrested after people watching a television show on the case and notified authorities.

Allen "Back" Jones, 34, featured last month on the programme "America's Most Wanted," was arrested Monday.

Postal workers in Dania had reported to the FBI that Jones resembled a man named Mark Spencer who leased a postal box there. On Monday, postal workers notified Spencer that he had received an envelope via certified mail.

The envelope was an FBI ploy. Although postal workers attempted to stall him, Jones left before the FBI arrived. But sheriff's deputies spotted his van and arrested him inside the van, deputies found an automatic weapon, a silencer, \$40,000 in cash, a \$40,000 cashier's cheque and marijuana, said sheriff's spokesman George Crofus.

## Goetz gets time off

NEW YORK, Sept. 20, (AP) — Bernhard Goetz left jail today after serving more than eight months in the shooting of four young men on a Manhattan subway train nearly five years ago.

Goetz left the Brooklyn Centre of Detention through a glass door to avoid about 30 photographers, reporters and eight camera crews who were waiting for him by the front entrance.

Goetz, 41, was a self-employed electronics calculator arrested in the shooting on Dec. 22, 1984, of four teenagers who he said were trying to rob him on a subway train when they asked him for five dollars. The youths claimed they wanted the money to play video game machines.

In June 1987, following a two-month trial, Goetz was cleared of attempted murder and assault charges but convicted on illegal possession of the gun he used to shoot the youths.

Goetz and his lawyers appealed. In January, he was sentenced to one year but got time off good behaviour.

## PTL fraud case hearing

### Jurors watch Bakker tapes

CHARLOTTE, North Carolina, Sept. 20, (AP) — The jury at Jim Bakker's fraud trial yesterday watched a videotape in which the TV evangelist pleaded for millions of dollars in donations while assuring followers: "I would not lie to you about anything."

Bakker, founder of the Christian fundamentalist Praise The Lord (PTL) television ministry, faces charges that he and other PTL executives pocketed more than \$3.7 million of the 158 million raised from religious followers to build a religious retreat and theme park.

Bakker quit PTL in 1987 amid revelations about his 1980 sexual encounter with church secretary Jessica Hahn and a \$265,000 payoff for her silence. PTL filed for bankruptcy a few months later, prompting the investigation that resulted in charges.

Prosecutors on Monday began showing the eight-hour tape pulled from broadcasts of Bakker's "The PTL Show."

On the tape, Bakker asked followers to send \$1,000 in exchange for "lifetime partnership" guaranteeing three nights' lodging each year for the donor's lifetime at PTL's Heritage USA Theme Park.

A segment played yesterday had Bakker encouraging viewers to use their credit cards to buy a partnership.

"I'm sincere, I would not lie to you about anything," Bakker

told viewers in 1984. He explained that he paid for his own partnership by credit card because he did not have the cash.

"Mr IRS (Internal Revenue Service) got to me first, Uncle Sam (the US government) just took everything we could scrape together," he said.

On Monday, actor Efram Zimbalist Jr testified that the PTL board of directors, on which he once served, was little more than a rubber stamp for Bakker.

If convicted on all 24 counts, Bakker could be sentenced to 120 years in prison and fined more than \$5 million.

Witnesses have testified they bought the "partnerships" but could not get rooms. Others testified that partnerships were oversold and that the money often was used to cover PTL's day-to-day operating costs rather than finance construction of the guaranteed rooms.

FBI agent Harold Pearson, who compiled the videotape, said more than 66,000 partnerships were sold to viewers by the time Bakker left PTL, despite a publicized limit of 25,000.

"All we need is 25,000 people to become members," Bakker said on a programme televised on Feb. 20, 1984. "That's all the memberships we can have in the Heritage grand hotel. In two weeks, we will be closed."

On the tape, Bakker consistently mentioned the restrictions.



Bakker (left) is greeted by Bishop Robert Parks of Newark as he walks with his attorney. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Repeat shroud tests

### Plea to consider resurrection radiation

ROME, Sept. 20, (Reuters) — Scientific tests on the Turin shroud, which many Christians believe to be Christ's burial cloth, should be repeated to take account of radiation generated by the resurrection, an Italian expert said yesterday.

Walter Maggiorani, who has studied the shroud since 1981, said the tests, including carbon dating which showed the shroud had medieval origins, did not take into account radiation produced by Christ's body when resurrected after death on the Cross.

The increase in radiation changed the chemical make-up of the shroud and made it appear to date from a later period than Roman times, he told a news conference.

The Vatican announced in October last year that carbon-dating tests by laboratories in the United States, Britain and Switzerland showed the yellowing cloth was 95 per cent certain to date from between 1260 and 1390.

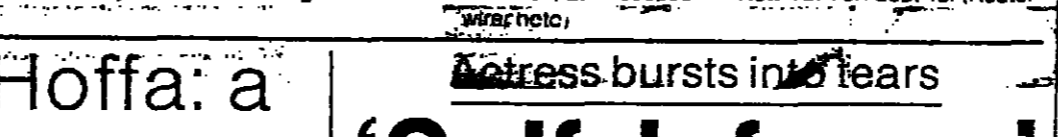
## US effort to sell cigarettes abroad, the height of hypocrisy: Koop

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20, (AP) — Surgeon-General C. Everett Koop yesterday fired a parting shot at the American tobacco industry, denouncing US government efforts to export cigarettes as "the height of hypocrisy."

Koop, whose tenure as the top US government physician has been marked by attacks on cigarette smoking, said he had not cleared his remarks with US President George Bush's administration before he testified at a hearing of the US trade

## Liz's Passion for men

Elizabeth Taylor introduces fragrances Passion for men, at a reception in New York on Sept. 19. (Reuters wirephoto)



## Hoffa: a concrete burial

CHICAGO, Sept. 20, (AP) — Former teamsters union leader Jimmy Hoffa was killed because of union and underworld rivalries, and his mutilated body was buried in concrete near the end zone at Giants Stadium in New Jersey, an ex-convict says.

Donald "Tony the Greek" Franko, a self-described freelance hitman, told Playboy magazine he was supposed to kill Hoffa but was in prison when the labour leader disappeared on July 30, 1975. So others killed him and described it to him later, Franko said.

His account, one of many over the years purporting to reveal what happened to Hoffa, appears in November's Playboy.

Franko said Hoffa was shot in the forehead at a home near Detroit, his body dismembered in the basement, then stored in a freezer until his burial in the football stadium near New York.

The FBI refused to say if it finds the account credible.

And Jim Minich, stadium assistant general manager, said workers dug nearly four feet into the concrete while replacing the artificial surface during the past year and found nothing.

Franko, a federally protected witness in the forthcoming New York trial of reputed organised crime boss John Gotti, says he told the FBI in 1986 that Hoffa was killed by alleged Irish mob boss Jimmy Coonan at a house in Mount Clemens, Michigan.

He said Coonan and John Sullivan, described by Franko as a mob hitman, cut up the body with a saw in the basement, froze the parts in plastic bags and later trucked them in an oil drum to the east Rutherford, New Jersey, site where Giants Stadium was under construction, Franko said.

Franko said Hoffa was slain in a dispute over his desire to regain control of the teamster union after his release from a federal penitentiary where he was serving time for mail fraud and jury tampering. A second motive, Franko said, was Hoffa's dispute with Tony "Tony Pro" Provenzano, a New Jersey teamsters official and reputed mobster.

## 'Self defence' cries Gabor

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20, (Reuters) — Zsa Zsa Gabor says, a policeman she is accused of slapping, threw her over the bonnet of her Rolls-Royce and threatened to break her arms and legs.

"He hurt me like hell," Gabor told a municipal court yesterday. "I slapped him. I hit, I think, his helmet but it wasn't hard enough. It was in self-defence."

The eight-times married Gabor, who says she is 59 although her age is listed in reference books as 66 or 68, gave evidence for the first time in her trial in which she has pleaded not guilty to slapping motorcycle policeman Paul Kramer.

The six-foot-four-inch (two metre) Kramer stopped her in Beverly Hills on June 14 for having an out-of-date registration plate.

Earlier in court Gabor burst into tears when another policeman, Scott Thompson, who appeared while she was

being arrested, said she swore at him and said: "I'm calling the Reagans."

Gabor said she had been to a birthday party for her agent and was wearing an Italian dress — "very short with lots of ruffles and flowers," — when she was arrested.

Kramer did not tell her he was checking her licence and she asked if she could leave, she said. He replied "f-off" and so she drove off.

"I turned the corner and all of a sudden, like the Gestapo, the lights, the siren, he came up behind me to stop me again," she said.

Kramer threw her over the car bonnet, making her dress ride up to her hips, and handcuffed her, she said.

"I was so humiliated with a short skirt. I thought (passer-by) would think I was some kind of a whore with dope because that is how I was treated," she said.

Kramer told her "I'll break your — arms and legs," she said. "He hated me. I could see it in his eyes. He was very handsome but he was very scary to me. Nobody ever talked to me that way in my life."

"He sort of twisted my arm like when you are a bad child. I was, of course, screaming from pain. I was screaming 'officer, you are hurting me' and he liked it. He was smiling, he was enjoying hurting me."

Gabor told the jury she feared she would be shot by the officer while she was "screaming like a pig."

Officer Paul Kramer was hospitalized in stable condition yesterday after his motorcycle collision with a police car. He was admitted to UCLA Medical Centre in Westwood, where he was in stable condition with scrapes and bruises.

## PEOPLE AND PLACES

MONTPELIER, Vermont: A lawyer for the son of a former vice-presidential candidate has asked Vermont's Supreme Court to throw out his cocaine-peddling conviction, arguing that police set up the undercover buy on the basis of campus rumours, not hard evidence.

"The issue is how freely the government can enter a house in disguise," Kathleen Sullivan argued Monday. "This undercover was arranged solely on the basis of rumour, nothing like hard evidence, nothing like reasonable suspicion."

John Zaccaro Jr., the 29-year-old son of former vice-presidential candidate Geraldine Ferraro, was convicted last year of selling a quarter gram of cocaine to an undercover policeman at his off-campus apartment in 1986 while a student in Middlebury College.

Ms Ferraro and Walter Mondale were the 1984 Democratic vice-presidential and presidential candidates respectively. They lost to Republican Party incumbent President Ronald Reagan and Vice-President George Bush. (AP)

WEST STOCKBRIDGE, Massachusetts: A town owner told town officials he could not control loud noise from his camp during the Labour Day weekend because he was held prisoner by a lesbian group that had rented his property, a published report said Tuesday.

Richard Rohrbacher, the owner of Kingsmont Camp who was asked to appear Monday night before the town's board of selectmen because of residents' noise complaints, said two armed women sat outside his room kept him from doing anything about the noise level, the Berkshire Eagle reported.

A dozen neighbours complained of loud music and other noise from the camp during the long Labour Day weekend, the newspaper reported.

Reached by telephone Tuesday, Rohrbacher refused to comment on the alleged weekend hostage situation, but he did say he planned legal action because of a bounced \$15,000 check written by the 650-member lesbian group, which he did not name. (UPI)

ROME: Italy's Leaning Tower of Pisa needs urgent repairs to prevent it falling down, authorities said on Tuesday.

Public Works Minister Giovanni Frandini said after a meeting with experts that the health of the 300-year-old marble bell tower was very worrying and that extreme urgency should be given to finding ways of shoring up its foundations.

He asked the technical experts to draw up swiftly a programme of constant monitoring on the 56-metre (187-foot) tower with proposals to prevent it leaning further, ministry officials said.

According to the latest report, published in January, the leaning tower slipped over another 1.29 millimetres (0.05 of an inch) during 1988. (Reuters)

HUNTSVILLE, Texas: James Paster, a one-time lounge singer and Elvis Presley impersonator, was executed by injection early Wednesday for one of five slayings he was accused of committing.

Paster, 44, was sentenced to death for the 1980 contract killing of a 38-year-old Houston man, said Bill Zapalac, an assistant attorney-general.

On Tuesday, the Texas court of criminal appeals refused to grant a reprieve. Defence attorneys contend jurors at Paster's trial should have been allowed to consider evidence of an abused childhood. (AP)

SANTA ROSA, California: Accused mass murderer Ramon Salcido was ordered Tuesday to stand trial on seven counts of first-degree murder and three counts of attempted murder stemming from an April spree.

Salcido, 38, was to be arraigned in Sonoma County superior court on Oct 3 on the charges, which carry special circumstances that could lead to the death sentence if Salcido is convicted.

Municipal Judge Knud Owen ordered Salcido to stand trial on the seventh day of a preliminary hearing. (UPI)

BRISBANE, Australia: The Australian state of Queensland has created a marine park to protect breeding humpback whales from tourists, film-makers and researchers, an official announced on Wednesday.

Queensland Environment Minister Geoff Minz said vastly increased public interest was threatening the whales, which travel north from Antarctica before the Southern Hemisphere winter to breed in the sub-tropical waters off Australia. (Reuters)



\$85,000 cuddle

A teddy bear which hasn't been cuddled much in its 69 years found a new home yesterday after a collector paid a record \$55,000 pounds (\$85,000) at a London auction.

The successful offer for the toy, made in Germany in 1920, was four times more than the previous highest price for a teddy bear and 61 times the price predicted by experts.

It's unusual features included two different shades of brown fur and larger than normal eyes. It was also in particularly good condition.

## It was no joke

### Serving the President

SPOKANE, Washington, Sept. 20, (AP) — Waitress Rose Betzer was in a lousy mood when she showed up for work and did not believe her boss when he told her: "You're serving the President."

"Get out of here," she told him. It was no joke, US President George Bush, House of Representatives Speaker Tom Foley and his wife, Heather, and Environmental Protection Agency administrator William Reilly had dinner Monday night at Patsy Clark's, an upscale Spokane restaurant.

Ms Betzer said her initial nervousness about serving the President changed "the minute I met him."

"He was just a wonderful, nice man," she said.

Bush and Foley ordered spinach salad and Jack Daniels steak, which has a bourbon sauce. Bush took Foley's suggestion to try a Washington state wine, ordering a chardonnay and a sauvignon.

RENO, Nevada: A Montana man has been charged with stealing 1.25 tonnes of silver from a Nevada mine where he once worked, authorities said Tuesday.

Sheriff James Melanson said officials hoped to get arrest warrants Tuesday or Wednesday for two other Montana men wanted in the Trinity Mine robbery of Aug. 26.

John Alden, 22, of Billings, Montana, was arrested Saturday and jailed on \$105,000 bail on charges of embezzlement and conspiracy, Melanson said.

The \$200,000 cache of partially processed silver is still missing. (AP)

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## De Klerk sworn in, talks sweet

PRETORIA, Sept 20, (AP): F.W. de Klerk was sworn in today for a five-year term as president and appealed to South Africans of all races to help build a nation "free of domination and oppression."

He took the oath of office before 1,500 people in a Dutch Reformed Church near the University of Pretoria as reports spread that his government would free jailed black nationalist leader Nelson Mandela early next year.

In an indication of South Africa's international isolation, no foreign heads of state were present.

Newspapers quoted official sources as saying Mandela's release would be part of a package of moves aimed at drawing blacks into negotiations on a new constitution.

After the swearing-in ceremony, De Klerk, 53, was driven to an amphitheatre at the Union Buildings, seat of the executive branch of government, and delivered his inaugural address before an audience of about 3,500.

In a 20-minute speech, alternating between Afrikaans and English, De Klerk said his goal was "a new South Africa ... which has rid itself of antagonisms of the past."

He declined to give new details of his plans, but said his government would move to eliminate discriminatory laws, give "urgent attention" to adoption of a bill of rights, and release security prisoners if this would promote peaceful solutions.

He said he hoped to "gradually move away" from the 3-year-old state of emergency, which has severely restricted militant anti-apartheid activity.

"Protest regarding past injustice, or alleged injustice, does not bring us closer to a solution. Nor does unrest or violence," he said. "There is but one way to peace, to justice for all: that is the way of reconciliation."

He reiterated his vision of a new political system in which the now-voteless black majority would be able to participate without dominating the white minority, and he cautioned against unreasonable expectations.

A leading anti-apartheid activist, the Rev. Allan Boesak, said he would give De Klerk six months to prove that blacks' scepticism towards him is unfounded.

"If he does not move by then, our fears will be tragically fulfilled," said Boesak, president of the World Alliance of Reformed Churches. "If he does move, then I think we might find ourselves in a situation where one may begin to be hopeful."

As De Klerk's swearing-in ceremony began, a group of human rights lawyers in Pretoria announced that De Klerk had commuted the death sentences of seven prisoners on death row.

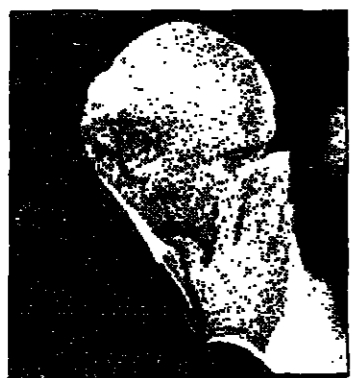
It was the second time in five weeks that De Klerk took the oath of office. He became acting president on Aug 15, a day after the cabinet forced President P.W. Botha to resign after 11 years in power.

The Citizen, a pro-government newspaper, quoted sources as saying Mandela "will probably be released early next year" as part of a package of reforms. Similar reports appeared in other newspapers.

Anglican Archbishop Desmond Tutu has vowed to go on defying apartheid laws.

"We will continue our campaign until the apartheid laws have been removed," Tutu told a Cape Town news conference.

He said, however, that he and other church leaders would be willing to talk to De Klerk about creating conditions in which the government could negotiate with the chosen representatives of South Africa's 26 million blacks, who have no vote.



Tears won't take nowhere

P.W. de Klerk weeps with emotion at his formal inauguration as South African President in Pretoria. The 53-year-old president promised to remove race discrimination in a totally new South Africa. (Reuter wire-photo)

# Burkina Faso executes plotters, to probe coup

OUAGADOUGOU, Sept 20, (Agencies): Burkina Faso's president Blaise Compaore, who executed his two most senior government ministers for attempting to overthrow him on Monday, has ordered an investigation into the plot and at least two other people have been arrested.

Official sources said those detained

included Jean Yado Toe, secretary of state (junior minister) for mining and Soumaila Keita, a former member of the National Revolutionary Council (NCR), the body which ruled under Compaore's predecessor Thomas Sankara.

The plot, which National Radio said was intended to restore 'fascist power'

in Burkina Faso, was said to have been led by the defence and economic promotion ministers — Jean-Baptiste Lingani and Henri Zongo.

They sought to arrest Compaore as he stepped off a plane returning from abroad, a member of the Popular Front government said.

If Compaore, a former paratroop

captain, had resisted arrest his plane would have been blown up on the runway, but the plan failed after soldiers refused to carry out the orders to detain Compaore, he added.

The authors of the coup plot were arrested and executed only hours later, leaving Compaore as the only remaining member of the four-man team of

radical military officers who ruled this country from August 1983 to October 1987.

Compaore, 37, overthrew Sankara in a bloody coup two years ago in which his one-time friend and comrade-in-arms was killed.

Compaore, who has been building a reputation as a pragmatic and

moderate leader, is now expected to embark on a campaign to explain this week's events both to foreign governments and to the people of this impoverished nation, at the southern edge of the Sahara Desert.

Diplomats in the capital of Ouagadougou were briefed on the events yesterday.



Drug blast

A school girl stands in front of the mall in Bogotá where a bomb exploded. It is the latest drug related

terrorist attack since President Barco decreed a tough anti-drug policy. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Uproar over mercenaries

Colombia Senate debates

BOGOTA, Sept 20, (AP): Colombia's defence minister says he was aware of rumours that foreign mercenaries were training paramilitary death squads for drug cartels but was unable to verify the reports.

In a heated debate in the Senate that ran late into last night Defence Minister Gen. Oscar Botero Restrepo defended himself against allegations that he may have kept secret any information that Israeli and British mercenaries were training paramilitary groups.

The special Senate session came after arrest warrants were ordered for two Israelis accused of training hit squads for the cocaine cartels.

The Colombian Army, meanwhile, revealed yesterday that it had seized a ton of pure cocaine in a raid on a house in the northern coastal city of Barranquilla.

The raid also arrested four people in the raid but the owner of the house, milk company manager Pedro Rodriguez Munoz, was not at home.

Raids so far this year have turned up 36 tons of cocaine, including a seizure of nearly six tons on Aug 2.

A judge issued the warrants for the arrest of former Israeli Army Col Yair Klein and civilian Arik Aker, who is accused of having helped Klein escape Colombia. Colombia has no extradition treaty with Israel and the Israeli Supreme Court has not yet ruled on an investigation of the Klein case under way in Israel.

Klein is accused in Colombia of helping train civilians to carry out paramilitary operations, mostly in the Magdalena media region of central Colombia where cartels backed death squads reportedly operate.

Klein reportedly arrived in Colombia in August 1988 and is said to have returned to Israel sometime after the Colombian news reports on April 10 on the presence of foreigners training Colombians.

"I want to tell you honourable senators that since late last year, our intelligence services had knowledge of rumours circulating in the country that this type of activity was going on," said Botero. "But we were not able to verify the information."

Last night, British Ambassador Richard Neilson said on Colombian television, "the government of Colombia had

information about British mercenaries in Colombia in March and we were in a position to help them."

Neilson said he would work to extradite to Colombia any British citizens allegedly involved in the clandestine training.

The fight in the Senate against the defence minister is being led by Sen. Alberto Rojas Puyo, of the opposition leftist Patriotic Union Party. The party alleged on April 24 that Botero was involved with a private Colombian security company, called Atlas Security, and it alleged Klein was employed by it.

Botero, who commands the country's 250,000-man Army, has denied the allegation. Meanwhile suspected drug lords offered a \$255,000 reward for information leading to the capture of an Army General accused in leaflets of human rights abuses in Medellín, Colombia's drug capital.

The reward for General Jaime Ruiz Barrera, chief of the Colombian Army's Medellín-based fourth brigade until about two months ago, was announced in leaflets that appeared on streets in central Medellín.

Countries around the world must step up efforts to ensure that international aviation is not used in the transport of illicit drugs, the head of the world aviation authority said yesterday.

Assad Koteite, council president of the International Civil Aviation Organisation (Icao), said that with narcotics destroying the lives of millions and destabilising countries, more needed to be done to ensure airlines do not become a conduit in the drug trade.

"ICAO is doing everything it can to respond to the wishes of international commitments and take the steps necessary to ensure that international aviation is not used for that illicit transport," Koteite told the opening of the 27th assembly meeting of the organisation.

The United Nations-sponsored body, which sets an aviation code of conduct for its 161 member states, is to meet until October 6 to deal with a range of problems facing world aviation.

Koteite listed keeping the industry safe from terrorist attacks and the growing problem of airline noise pollution and congestion as other major problems facing the industry.

## \$800m more for drug war sought

WASHINGTON, Sept 20, (UPI): Senate Republicans presented Democrats with a revamped anti-drug proposal last night that would increase President Bush's proposed spending by about \$800 million, a Democratic source said.

"They made an offer, and we're going to respond to it," the source said but added that one part of it — making selective cuts in some programmes — would be "totally unacceptable" to Democrats.

The Republicans proposed a 25 per cent across-the-board cut in all domestic, defence and foreign programmes, coupled with selective cuts in discretionary programmes.

The Democratic source said the additional financing would increase Bush's proposed war against drugs by about \$800 million for a total of \$8.7 billion.

The Republican plan was a counter to a plan by Senator Robert Byrd, Democrat of West Virginia, backed by Democrats, to raise \$10.4 billion in fiscal 1990 raised by a 5.75 per cent across-the-board increase.

The Democrats were not expected to formally respond to the Democratic plan until Wednesday.

Senator Pete Domenici, Republican of New Mexico, ranking Republican on the budget committee, said the Pentagon's \$305 billion budget will be protected against an across-the-board budget cut proposed by Byrd, to raise the Democrats' proposed \$2.2 billion in additional funding.

"Defence is going to take a hit," Domenici told reporters. "The understanding (among Republicans) is, whatever defence takes, that it can probably be arranged, rather than an arbitrary across-the-board cut. It would be identified in dollars, rather than across-the-board."

The Democrats have called Bush's plan inadequate in funding, particularly in programmes to rehabilitate drug users and educate the young against using illegal narcotics. Republican leaders say the anti-drug budget will be increased, but have not agreed on the amount.

Byrd has proposed increasing the administration's plan by \$2.2 billion through a government-wide spending cut of 0.575 per cent, although it exempts such entitlement programmes as social security.

## UN session opens amid hopes of action

Nigerian takes over as president

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 20, (Reuters): The General Assembly opened its 44th annual session yesterday amid hopes that the fading of the cold war will enable it to pay more attention to social issues such as the environment and drugs.

Nigeria's UN representative, Ambassador Joseph Garba, was elected as assembly president, succeeding Dante Caputo of Argentina.

Garba, a 46-year-old retired major-general and former foreign minister was the unanimous choice of the African group of states, whose turn it was this year to nominate a president.

Shortly before the session began, Secretary General Javier Perez de Cuellar told a press conference: "I think it is extremely important that this year the membership ... gives the necessary importance to social questions, not only human rights ... but the environment, AIDS and terrorism."

Unresolved regional conflicts in Afghanistan, Cambodia, the Middle East and elsewhere will also be hotly debated, while delegates keep a close watch on Namibia's transition to independence from South Africa, aided by more than 6,000 UN troops, police and civilian officials.

Garba, wearing a traditional Nigerian black and gold robe and black cap, targeted South Africa in his acceptance speech, which included a brief survey of the world scene.

Referring to recent elections in South Africa, he said, "there has been much rhetoric but the only evidence of change has been the faces, not the policies, of apartheid."

South Africa's new leadership "must take advantage of the current climate to dismantle apartheid," Garba said.

Garba hailed the "remarkable changes taking place in our world ... resulting from the gradual improvement in superpower relations" and urged the United States and the Soviet Union to make faster progress in eliminating their stockpiles of weapons of mass destruction.

He said some of the resources released by arms cuts should be used to improve the lives of the mass of peoples, especially those in developing countries.

He welcomed what he called a shift in international policy towards debt reduction and said peace was not secured unless founded on economic justice.

Garba said a solution to the Middle East crisis would remain elusive until the Palestinian question was resolved and described an international conference at which all parties would be represented as "one imaginative approach."

The new assembly president touched on the need to tackle such problems as the deterioration of the environment and drug trafficking, which he said "has now reached epidemic proportions" and endangered societies and governments.

He also called for action to combat terrorism and hostage-taking, from which no state or individual was immune and which had even affected UN officials.

### Four kidneys

DOCTORS at Shanghai children's hospital treating a girl with acute incontinence found she had four kidneys, the China News Service said today.

The semi-official news agency said the three-year-old gained control of her bladder when the two extra organs were removed from her abdomen and chest cavity. (Reuter)



Garba (right) being congratulated by a delegate on the floor of the General Assembly. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Garba: well groomed Soldier diplomat

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 20, (Reuters): Ambassador Joseph Naaven Garba of Nigeria, elected president of the UN General Assembly yesterday, has engineered a bloodless coup, dominating an army division and served as foreign minister.

For his next career switch, the 46-year-old retired major general says he may start a vineyard or cultivate flowers.

Born into a small tribe in Langtang, central Nigeria, on July 17, 1943, he has spent most of his life in uniform, starting as a 14-year-old in an army school for the sons of ex-servicemen.

Officer cadet training at Aldershot, England, earned him a commission at the age of 19 as the youngest second lieutenant in the Nigerian Army.

His advance up the military ladder included a stint in 1965-66 with the UN observer mission monitoring the border between India and Pakistan.

This was followed by nearly three years as an aide to Nigerian leader General Yakubu Gowon during the 1967-70 civil war. As a 32-year-old colonel commanding Nigeria's elite guards brigade he later helped engineer the bloodless overthrow of Gowon, who was attending an African summit meeting in Uganda at the time.

"I led the coup in 1975," Garba said during a recent interview. But he stressed it was "not against Gowon, it was against his regime."

After the coup Garba spent more than three years as foreign minister, later recounting his experience in a book titled "Diplomatic Soldiering" that some think owes more to military bluntness than to diplomatic niceties.

Returning to soldiering, he was commandant of the Nigerian Defence Academy for 18 months and later commanded an infantry division, with the rank of major general, before embarking on further study at India's National Defence College.

He attributes his fondness for army life to his schoolteacher father, a veteran of the Burma campaign in World War Two who never rose above the rank of private but became chief of his tribe.

When his father lay dying he ordered Garba, then a colonel, to return home in full regalia. The highest-ranking British officer his father had ever seen was a colonel and he wanted his friends to know his son had attained the same exalted rank.

After leaving the army in 1980 Garba spent three years at Harvard University at the John F. Kennedy School of Government, writing about his country's civil war in a book titled "Revolution in Nigeria" and drafting the outline of his memoirs as foreign minister.

### 3 million complain to UN

## Call to save forests

UNITED NATIONS, Sept 20, (AP): It was a dramatic scene yesterday in the normally staid marble lobby of the United Nations. Twelve wheelbarrows were steered into the hall and emptied of three million signatures petitioning the world body to save the rainforests.

Organisers from the World Rainforest Movement refused to leave without personally meeting Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar. Assurances from other UN officials would not do. Confronted by mountains of paper from 23 countries, the secretary-general agreed to see a delegation.

The international environmentalist group is seeking a special General Assembly session to consider a plan to immediately halt the destruction of tropical and temperate rainforests.

But a special session of the 159-nation assembly only can be called at the request of a majority of its member governments and a costly special session is considered unlikely. The environment, the greenhouse effect and depletion of rainforests and other resources will be discussed in the current session.

Perez de Cuellar, asked earlier about a special session, said the important thing was that the current General Assembly approve a strong resolution on preserving rainforests.

Assembly resolutions do not bind member nations.

## A clash of quieter styles in New York's mayoral elections

NEW YORK, Sept 20, (AP): One dresses like an undertaker and talks like a diplomat; the other has the innocent look of a former altar boy. Neither even remotely takes after Edward Koch, New York City's celebrated, reviled and garrulous mayor since 1977.

But one of them will take his job. The ex-altar boy is Rudolph Giuliani, winner of last week's Republican mayoral primary. His diplomatic opponent is David Dinkins, who toppled Koch in the Democratic contest with surprising ease.

Political analysts say the two mark a new era of New York politics: Giuliani is the first Republican in 25 years with a realistic chance to win City Hall. Dinkins would be the first black mayor.

"In a thematic way, New Yorkers are looking for change. The voting in both primaries suggested that," said Raymond Harding, chief of the city's tiny Liberal Party, whose nomination Giuliani also holds. "In the general election, change is the paramount issue."

Giuliani hopes so. He is the ultimate political outsider, a Republican in an overwhelmingly

democratic city, a former federal prosecutor who made his name chasing corruption in city government and Wall Street, a man who never has held elective office.

"Giuliani's principal asset is that he has no background in government. Therefore he can say he's going to change things," said Mitchell Moss, head of the urban research centre at New York University.

In accepting the Republican nomination on election night Sept 12, Giuliani called his campaign a "crusade" to establish "a new generation of leadership in this city." The next day he personalised the

attack, calling Dinkins a "clubhouse politician" tied to a discredited Democratic administration.

Still, Giuliani, 45, faces formidable odds. Two-thirds of the city's 3 million registered voters are Democrats. It took just 75,000 Republican votes for Giuliani to overwhelm his primary opponent, cosmetics heir Ronald Lauder. To defeat Koch and two other Democrats, Dinkins got nearly 540,000 votes.

"This is a Democratic town with a vengeance," said Norman Adler, a veteran political consultant. "You've got to get a whole lot of Democrats to vote for you if you want to win."

## Amnesty bid to end death penalty

LONDON, Sept 20, (AP): Amnesty International today appealed for capital punishment to be abolished in the United States, the Soviet Union, China, South Africa and Iran.

The London-based human rights organisation said it had documented at least 1,600 lawful executions world-wide during the first eight months of this year but believes the true number to be much higher.

Amnesty International has long opposed the death penalty, calling it a cruel and unusual punishment inflicted disproportionately on the poor, ethnic minorities and political opponents.

It released a study of capital punishment world-wide in April, urging 100 countries to wipe it off their lawbooks. It said Wednesday it renewed its appeal to six countries because a change in their practices could "turn the tide of state-sanctioned killings."

It also announced that its branches in 46 countries would lobby embassies of the six governments during the next week and send them hundreds of telex, telephone and fax messages.

Amnesty International said 13 people have been executed this year in the United States and 37 in South Africa.

It said at least one person is known to have been executed in the Soviet Union and five are awaiting execution after losing their appeals for clemency. It said the Soviet Union has refused to publish statistics on executions for more than 50 years.

In 1988, there have been at least 1,200 executions in the same time period, more than half for drug-related offences, it said.

Amnesty International said that of 242 people known to have been executed in China this year, 137 were killed after the army's crackdown in June on students leading the pro-democracy movement, and included people accused of being involved in the pro-democracy protests.

It reiterated earlier concerns that the total number of Chinese executions was much higher.

Amnesty International said it was "gravely concerned" by legal and political developments regarding the death penalty in several countries in the last year.

It singled out a US supreme court ruling in June that the execution of juvenile offenders and the mentally retarded does not violate the constitution, adding:

"Since the ruling was handed down at least one US prisoner believed to be mentally retarded has been executed. Horace Dunkins, aged 28, was electrocuted in the state of Alabama on July 14. The first jolt of electricity failed to kill him, reportedly because of the electric chair had been wired incorrectly. He was only declared dead 19 minutes after the lever was first pulled."

On South Africa, Amnesty International cited the death sentence imposed on 14 men and women in May in connection with the killing of a police officer.

## Ex-FM may be tried

HELSINKI, Finland, Sept 20, (AP): Parliament will decide whether to bring charges against a former foreign minister for allegedly negotiating for Soviet support in Finland's 1982 presidential elections, media reports said yesterday.

Five Members of Parliament asked the body's constitutional committee to examine whether opposition Centre Party leader Paavo Vayrynen was guilty of misconduct for talks he had with a Soviet embassy official in 1981.

The official, identified as Viktor Vladimirov, was widely believed to have been a top KGB agent.

The Parliament committee will decide whether to waive the case or charge Vayrynen with acts tantamount to treason, national radio said.

If the 200-member unicameral house decides to charge the former foreign minister, the case will be heard in the court of impeachment, which handles cases of alleged misconduct in office. It has been assembled only three times — in 1933, 1953 and 1961.

# Row over leaks from Ulster Constabulary

BELFAST, Sept. 20 (AP) — Police admitted yesterday that another document identifying suspected terrorists had been lost from a Royal Ulster Constabulary station.

Earlier yesterday, a Roman Catholic lawyer told a court that a document had been lost from the Irish Republican Army. He said the document had been lost from a Belfast police station to Protestant paramilitary groups.

The two cases added to a controversy that has strained

relations between Britain and Ireland over the trustworthiness of security forces in the British-ruled province of Northern Ireland.

The Anglo-Irish agreement of 1985 commits the 2 governments to cooperate on security and other matters.

Both cases were referred to deputy Chief Constable John Stevens of the Cambridgeshire Police, who was appointed by the British government last week to investigate charges that gunmen had obtained intelligence documents either through theft or leaks.

In Dublin, Prime Minister Charles Haughey said yesterday that the latest disclosure "reinforces the Irish government's determination to have it dealt with comprehensively and effectively."

Northern Ireland's nationalist community, which favours unity with Ireland and is mainly Roman Catholic, tends to be suspicious of the security forces, in which Protestants are the overwhelming majority.

Last week, two members of the Ulster Defence Regiment, a locally raised army unit, were charged with

the murder of a Roman Catholic man.

Masked men who identified themselves as Protestant gunmen had shot a British Broadcasting Corp. television reporter who appeared to be intelligence documents identifying the murder victim as a suspected member of the Irish Republican Army.

Last Friday, Northern Ireland Secretary Peter Brooke and Irish Foreign Minister Gerry Collins conferred 7-12 hours without reaching agreement on steps to restore confidence in the security forces.

# Call for changes, checks in DC-10s

## Airliner safe

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP) — The United States' top aviation official and the head of the board investigating the DC-10 crash in Iowa last July both told Congress yesterday the jetliners are safe but called for mandatory inspections and changes.

James B. Busey, head of the Federal Aviation Administration, announced an order to inspect the fan disks of 220 DC-10 engines similar to the one investigators believed failed prior to the July 19 crash of a United Airlines DC-10 in Sioux City, Iowa, that killed 112 people.

James Kolstad, chairman of the National Transportation Safety Board, called for a DC-10 modification recommended by aircraft builder McDonnell Douglas last week to be mandatory for all of the wide-body jetliners. The manufacturer said the change would prevent the loss of all hydraulic flight controls which occurred before the crash.

Busey said that although investigators had not determined what caused the explosive engine failure in the Iowa crash, one possible scenario is the development of a crack in the engine fan disk "as the result of an internal flaw in the disk material itself."

Busey said engineers have been working since the crash of flight 232 to determine how a flaw might have developed in the plane's tail engine. Warren told the panel a change now ordered in the DC-10's hydraulic system would have made the landing by crippled flight 232 "relatively easy."

Kolstad said DC-10s and other wide-body airliners are among "the safest airplanes in history."

Warren also echoed the assertions of government aviation safety officials that the DC-10 is a sound, safe airplane.

### NEWS IN BRIEF



Becky Albright said after scaling the 14,100-foot (4,300-metre) Pikes Peak on Sunday. She was one of 900 mountaineers who took part.

Peak Challenge '89 was organized by the Griffith Centre, a home in Larimer for 44 abused or neglected boys. The home "sold" business leaders a mountain to climb for \$300 each and raised \$27,000.

"The challenge of the mountain and the challenges they (the boys) must overcome," said Albright, who is a Griffith therapist.

The Colorado Mountain Club provided guides to each climbing party, as well as logistical support.

**Nelson awarded**

GRAND FORKS, North Dakota, Sept. 20 (AP) — Willie Nelson became an honorary North Dakota citizen in recognition of his farm aid work, but he said his song was not enough to solve their problems.

State agriculture commissioner Sarah Vogel presented a ceremonial plaque and several state-made products to Nelson, who performed before an estimated 1,500 people Sunday night.

Nelson, founder and chairman of Farm Aid, Inc., said his farm aid concerts have raised more than \$10 million since they began in 1985. But he acknowledged their limitations.

"It's sort of a drop in the bucket in one way," he said. "These people have been helped, but their problems haven't been solved."

But Vogel was optimistic.

**Walrus massacre**

NEW YORK, Sept. 20 (AP) — A biologist presented evidence yesterday of a walrus massacre that he said led to the death of a law allowing hunting of walrus by Alaskan natives.

Biologist Sam L. Edwards, a consultant for the Connecticut-based Friends of Animals, said bans on the sale of elephant ivory have escalated greed for walrus ivory.

The US Marine Mammal Protection Act allows "the non-vested taking of marine mammals by Alaskan natives for subsistence purposes or for purposes of creating and selling authentic native articles of handicrafts and clothing."

Edwards said that during an aerial survey, he witnessed marine walrus "Aerially scope, reported all up and down the western coast."

**Senate endorses**

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (AP) — The US Senate Foreign Relations Committee endorsed today the nomination of Edward J. Perkins, the US ambassador to South Africa, to be director-general of the US Foreign Service.

If approved by the Senate as is expected, Perkins will become the highest-ranking black diplomat in the history of the State Department.

Perkins, 61, a native of Sturtington, Louisiana, was named the chief US envoy to the South African government in 1986, the first black ever to be named to that post.

**Computer contract**

CAMBRIDGE, Massachusetts, Sept. 20 (UPI) — Intermetrics Inc. yesterday said it has won a contract that could be worth up to \$20.6 million to test and fine tune computer software and avionics systems for the Nasas shuttle.

The contract, to be performed in two phases over 40 months, likely will require the hiring of another 10 to 20 employees at company facilities in Bellevue, Washington, Huntington Beach, California, and Houston, where the work will be performed, said Nicholas A. Pettinella, the company's chief financial officer.

Intermetrics, which currently is doing work for the National Aeronautics and Space Administration, under an earlier contract, will be "mostly testing, doing a sort of audit of software already built and operating in the shuttle," said Pettinella.

Pettinella said the contract is significant for the company, which had revenues of \$49.6 million in the fiscal year that ended in February.

**Basick naturalised**

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Sept. 20 (UPI) — Kazimierz Basick, who nine years ago created the sweeping, red "Solidarnosc" logo symbolising the Polish trade union, became an American citizen yesterday.

"It finally came," exulted Basick after taking the oath of allegiance with 100 other naturalised citizens from 40 nations in the Ohio state-house rotunda. "It hit me like a brick wall. I am an American."

Basick, 47, a freelance graphic artist who lives in Columbus, said he hopes to capitalise on his fame to continue to spread political ideas.

"You have to take sides," he told reporters after the naturalisation ceremony. "You have to make choices. You should not compromise your beliefs. As soon as we have a choice to influence politicians, we become politicians."

**Tremor shakes Greece**

ATHENS, Greece, Sept. 20 (AP) — An earthquake, measuring 4.9 on the Richter scale, shook northwestern Greece yesterday but no injuries or damage were reported, authorities said.

The Athens Geodynamic Institute said the quake, which occurred at 10:57 am (0737 GMT), had an epicentre 265 kilometres (164 miles) northwest of Athens in the Ioannina area.

Inhabitants within a 60 kilometre (37-mile) radius of the epicentre felt the tremor, a spokesman for the institute said.



**Mountain of a whale**

The carcass of a giant blue whale is towed to St. Kilda Beach, Australia, after being washed up in shallow water. Souvenir hunters took sections of the 20-metre-long whale's skin. (Reuters wirephoto)

# Cost cuts could endanger air passengers' safety

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (Reuters) — The US government is worried that debt-ridden airlines which cut costs could endanger the safety of passengers, Transportation Secretary Samuel Skinner said yesterday.

Skinner told the International Aviation Club in Washington that he and other officials are also concerned about increasing debts in the airline industry and the inroads being made by foreign

owners.

"Debt-ridden airlines, forced to adopt sweeping austerity measures, may unwittingly threaten the safety of the traveling public," said Skinner in one of his sharpest statements to date on leveraged buyouts.

In leveraged buyouts, companies are bought using borrowed funds that are later repaid with cash from operations or by selling parts of the

company.

Officials fear that the higher interest costs borne by heavily indebted airlines could cause them to skimp on maintenance, possibly reducing safety.

In his remarks, Skinner conceded there could be situations where higher debt might benefit airlines, noting that in some cases leveraged companies can become more efficient.

### Sparkling

The princess of Wales, wearing an off-the-shoulder dress and holding a bouquet of flowers, arrives for a gala performance of the new musical hit, "Miss Saigon" (Reuters wirephoto).

### UK children

#### Victims of sex abuse

LONDON, Sept. 20 (KUNA) — Over 100,000 children are likely to be victims of sexual abuse in the UK, according to a new report here.

The study by the National Children's Home coincided with a £4 million campaign launched by this charity to improve research and support services for the victims and their families.

The British media, which published parts of this report today, said the money will be spent on developing, counselling and supporting 100,000 children and families.

According to British government figures last year, 6,300 children were sexually assaulted in England and Wales.

### Vaccine hopes

HOUSTON, Sept. 20 (AP) — Two experimental vaccines protected lab animals against a lethal dose of the bacteria that cause Legionnaires' disease, raising hopes for a vaccine to protect humans, a researcher says.

Between 600 and 1,000 cases of Legionnaires' disease are reported to the US centres for disease control each year. Estimates of the actual number of cases range as high as 100,000 a year, said the vaccine's developer, Dr. Marcus Horwitz of the University of California, Los Angeles.

"It's clearly a major problem in hospitals," Horwitz said yesterday at a meeting of the American society for microbiology. "It's a major cause of death from hospital-acquired pneumonia."

Horwitz said it would be at least two or three years before he was ready for a trial of the vaccine in humans.

### Bookkeeper charged

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20 (UPI) — A bookkeeper has been charged with embezzling more than \$355,000 from the US Agency for International Development, administration officials said today.

Tara Gloria Lewis, 41, was charged Sept. 8 with two felony counts in US district court of the District of Columbia. She is scheduled to appear in court this week.

According to the indictment, Lewis was a bookkeeper for two organisations, the International Council on Education for Teaching and the Consortium for International Co-operation in Higher Education, that use federal funds to inform academic groups about AID's work around the world.

### Peak challenge '89

COLORADO SPRINGS, Colorado, Sept. 20 (AP) — Groups of mountain climbers spent the day scaling each of Colorado's more than 50 14,000-foot (4,270-metre) peaks to raise money for troubled youths.

"It's nice to be at the top," climber

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Has she gone bonkers?

American actress Jane Fonda sits on a mock psychiatrist's couch during the taping of a TV programme called "Le Divan" (The Couch)

during which the guest star is interviewed in Freudian style. (Reuter wirephoto)

## NEWS IN BRIEF

**Democrats proposal:** Opposition Democrats in the Senate, contending President George Bush's administration is "missing the boat" on the surging reform movements in Poland and Hungary, has proposed a 1.8 billion-dollar aid package that would dwarf the assistance offered so far by the White House.

Accusing Bush of timidity and a "failure of leadership," Sen. Alan Cranston said the Democratic proposal would be addressed by the Senate Foreign Relations Committee with the aim of getting it before the Senate quickly. (AP)

**Soviet history:** A leading Soviet weekly on today published a defence of Russian Tsarist rule by Alexander Solzhenitsyn, together with a front-page photograph of the writer now living in exile in the United States.

The extract from the author's massive "Red Wheel," cycle appeared in the writers' union organ, Literary Gazette, which once denounced Solzhenitsyn as a vile slanderer whom it consigned to "the rubbish heap of history."

Its appearance marked a new stage in the re-evaluation of Russian history, under way for the past three years. (Reuter)

**Missile project:** Britain is pulling out of an advanced new aircraft missile project, it was reported today.

Both Britain and the United States have decided they can no longer support the five-nation modular stand-off weapon programme because of differing national requirements.

The United States wanted to develop a short-range, light weight version for use on its F-16 fighters, whereas Britain wanted a version for its Tornado aircraft, requiring a heavier longer-range missile. (Kuna)

**Auschwitz dispute:** Cardinal Jozef Glomp, Roman Catholic Primate of Poland, has hinted at possible compromise in a dispute over a convent at Auschwitz that has soured relations between Jews and Catholics.

Glomp, speaking yesterday in the southwest English city of Bristol, said there were plans to build a prayer centre near the former Nazi death camp at Auschwitz.

But he was vague about whether the 127 Carmelite nuns in the convent would be asked to move to it. (Reuter)

**Activist trial:** The trial today of a Serbian activist accused of inciting nationalist hatred in Croatia stoked already strong rivalry between Yugoslavia's two biggest republics.

Jovan Opacic appeared in court in the Croatian town of Sibenik charged with stirring hatred against Croats, damaging the country's reputation and disrupting a public meeting.

Opacic's detention and trial has triggered a wave of public protests in Serbia. (Reuter)

**Clean air plan:** US President George Bush, declaring that "sound ecology and a strong economy can coexist," prodded Congress yesterday to pass his legislation to clean up the nation's fouled air.

In a speech at a riverfront celebration of Washington's 100th anniversary of statehood, Bush called upon "all Americans to join in a renewed spirit of conservation," including recycling their trash and generating less waste.

"When it comes to clear air, we need action on the legislation we've proposed — now," Bush said. (AP)

**Official hostess:** Malawi President Hastings Kamuzu Banda denied his close associate Cecilia Kadzama embezzled funds and abused her powers as head of a Malawian women's organisation, the ruling party said today.

In a rare public denunciation of exiled political opponents, Banda accused "dissidents" of spreading false rumours among foreign media organisations about Kadzama, known as Malawi's "official hostess," said a party spokesman. (AP)

**Water shortage:** Up to 30 refugees from neighbouring Mozambique are dying monthly because of a water shortage at their camp, it was reported in Harare today.

Most of the victims are dying from diarrhoea after drinking water from the Mazowe river where thousands of refugees wash and launder their clothes, the Herald newspaper said.

Some 26,000 of the 76,000 Mozambican refugees in Zimbabwe are housed in 15 villages at the Rushinga camp in the eastern highlands after fleeing drought, famine and a 12-year civil war at home. (AP)

**Military exercise:** US and Japanese forces will start one of their biggest joint military exercises at the end of this month, the Japanese defence agency said today.

All Japan's 100 Navy ships will join 60 US vessels, including two aircraft carriers and two battleships from the US 7th Fleet, for the highlight of the month-long exercise from Sept 29, a spokesman said. (Reuter)



It's a bridal veil

A model trails a 55-metre-long bridal veil from a hot air balloon in Bubikon, Switzerland, to demonstrate the claim that the veil is the world's longest. (Reuter wirephoto)



Chained protest

Romulo Antonio Tenes, Spanish art collector (right) explains to a passerby why he is chained to the painting "La Playa de San Sebastian" by Dario de Regoyos in front of Madrid's El Prado museum Sept 19. Tenes staged his protest claiming his copy is an original and not the painting which actually hangs inside the museum. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Self-made bomb Six blasted

STOCKHOLM, Sept 20, (UPI): Six teenage boys were seriously injured today when a bomb they had built with chemicals from their school laboratory went off by mistake, a Stockholm police spokesman said.

The spokesman said one of the 17-year-old technology students had lost both his hands, another had lost his jaw.

All six were in a critical condition when taken by ambulance from the school sports field, where they were testing their explosive, to a nearby hospital in the Stockholm suburb of Handen.

A search party was looking for a seventh schoolboy, who police said ran away in a state of shock after the explosion.

"The scene looked like pictures from the Vietnam war," said Ole Windell, a schoolmate of the injured teenagers, in an interview with Swedish radio.

"If you study technology and chemistry you're interested in that sort of thing," he said.



Stealthily flying

The Lockheed Aeronautical Systems Co. released this artist's conception of US Air Force Lockheed F-117A Stealth fighter in flight. The plane is a single seat dual-control engine aircraft that first flew in June 1981. According to the Air Force the aircraft is still in production. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Makers denounce chemical weapons

CANBERRA, Sept 20, (Reuter): Chemical companies responsible for about 80 per cent of world output said today they abhorred chemical weapons and wanted them banned.

The companies, drawn from 67 countries attending a conference here on chemical weapons, said in a statement: "We express our unequivocal abhorrence of chemical warfare."

They agreed to work with governments to achieve a global ban on chemical weapons and said they opposed "the diversion of the industry's products for the manufacture of chemical weapons."

They also decided to improve liaison with their governments to help monitor the sale of products, such as cyanide, which can be used to produce chemical weapons.

Industry support for a ban on chemical weapons will not be backed by international law until a convention is signed to ban stockpiling and production of chemical weapons.

The announcement came after delegates saw pictures of chemical warfare victims from Gulf war battlefields.

About 30 chemicals, including cyanide, are easily available for the manufacture of chemical weapons.

The Canberra conference, now in its second day, groups disarmament negotiators and chemical industry delegates to chemical weapons talks in Geneva.

The United States and the Soviet Union, the only two countries to admit to stockpiles of chemical weapons, accuse each other of delaying negotiations to outlaw the weapons.

Neither delegation at the four-day conference will predict a timetable for the elimination of stockpiles and a ban.

"We want to get it right. A sloppy job of verification on a chemical weapons convention would damage the entire structure of arms control," Richard Clarke, US Assistant Secretary of State, told delegates on Wednesday.

Third World delegates say they fear any ban on the export of chemicals, such as insecticides, which can be used to make weapons, will harm their agricultural industries.

US Secretary of State James Baker and Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze are under standing to reveal some details of their chemical weapons stockpiles in the United States on Saturday.

Conference delegates believe a ban is still years away.

"We don't want to talk about a date because that would put too much pressure on negotiators," Clarke said.

Negotiations on a chemical weapons ban are being held up by the refusal of six major countries to agree to a vital verification step, a senior US negotiator said today.

The six nations are believed to include China, France, India and Pakistan, the Australian Associated Press News Agency said. The other two countries were not named.

Baerbel Bohley, an East German painter who helped found the nation-wide, independent New Forum last week, told West German radio it seemed there were more reform-minded people in the ruling party than had been thought.

## Hungary 'to quit' Warsaw Pact

WASHINGTON, Sept 20, (AP): Hungary's new Parliament speaker said the possibility exists that his country might withdraw from the Warsaw Pact and become neutral by the end of the decade, a newspaper reported yesterday.

The Washington Post quoted Matyas Szuros, as saying that the shift to neutrality could take place "within a climate of trust" between Hungary and the Soviet Union.

Szuros, a key member of Hungary's Communist Party who was visiting Washington, used the Post interview to criticise the "wait and see" stance the US government has taken toward Hungary and called for more economic support.

Szuros told the Post that Hungarian withdrawal from the Warsaw Pact was a possibility for the "medium term" — not the immediate future.

Janos Marton, the head of the opposition Hungarian People's Party and Szuros' long-time political companion, said Szuros' time estimate for neutrality was conservative and it should occur sooner.

Marton also was not specific. He noted that US President George Bush cautioned Hungarian leaders during Bush's July visit to Budapest "not to be too hasty" in disturbing the existing East bloc political balance.

## Republics to get more autonomy

### Kremlin will not tolerate anarchy

MOSCOW, Sept 20, (Agencies): A key Kremlin meeting on the Soviet Union's mounting nationality problems ended today after approving a wide-ranging plan to give more autonomy to the country's constituent republics.

Soviet television, in its main evening news programme, said the meeting unanimously approved a Kremlin plan published last month which promised a "radical transformation" of the nature of the Soviet federation.

The plenary meeting of the Communist Party's policy-making central committee was called amid seething nationalist unrest in the Soviet Union's peripheral republics, from the Baltic region in the north to the Transcaucasus in the south.

The broadcast gave no explanation for an apparent delay of several hours of ending the two-day session, which had prompted speculation on possible leadership changes.

Vadim Medvedev, a member of the ruling politburo, had been scheduled to give a news conference on the results of the meeting, but this was delayed without explanation.

Soviet television said at the start of its bulletin that the session was continuing, but report only minutes later that it had ended and began broadcasting a speech by President Mikhail Gorbachev.

In his first remarks, Gorbachev said the final version of the plan provided for further development of the Soviet Union along the lines of greater autonomy for its 15 republics.

But he said it also called for Communist Party unity effectively ruling out attempts in the three Baltic republics for their own regional parties to separate from the Soviet party — and it opposed any changes in internal Soviet borders.

Communist hard-liners earlier supported Gorbachev's warning about anarchy and ethnic separatism by calling for a crackdown on groups seeking more freedom from Moscow, reports said today.

But leaders of Lithuania and Georgia, two republics that have had serious ethnic clashes, blamed their problems on outside provocation aimed at forcing a crackdown or on processes taking place nationwide.

Absamat Masaliev, Communist Party chief of the Central Asian Republic Kirghizia, told the central committee that the "Time has come ... to bring to order those who openly speak out against our structure, our unity, sabotage perestroika and abuse democracy."

Masaliev said calls to turn the Soviet Communist Party into a union of independent parties or to introduce a multiparty system are "an extremely dangerous and destructive tendency."

His comments and those of other party leaders were made yesterday and distributed today by Tass, the official Soviet news agency. The 251-member central committee, the party's policy-making body, opened its meeting yesterday and continued today. Tass said it debated a blueprint for ethnic relations offered by Gorbachev as part of his reform drive.

Yuri Yelchenko, a secretary of the Ukrainian Communist Party, told the meeting that a "series of independent formations have clear anti-socialist platforms, the basis of which often lies in bourgeois nationalism."

He said such groups were especially active in the western Ukraine, and he accused the Narodni Rukh grassroots political movement, which held its founding congress in Kiev earlier this month, of seeking to seize power from the communists.

Enmity between Soviet Armenians and Azeris is as strong as ever, with neither side willing to back down over Nagorno-Karabakh, the head of a special Moscow commission ruling the disputed territory said on Wednesday.

A "friendship carnival" to celebrate ties among ethnic groups in the Soviet Asian republic of Uzbekistan ended in two days of violence with rampaging youths attacking those taking part, Tass reported.



Leopard moves

A 60-tonne Leopard 2 tank stands in front of the war memorial and the village hall of Maurup-Le-Montois eastern France, Sept 19, while being surrounded by residents and French soldiers (right). One hundred tanks of the 15th Panzer Brigade are taking part in five-day manoeuvres. It was the first time German tanks have been operated on French soil since 1945. (Reuter wirephoto)

## Debate starts on wire taps

### Papa refuses to attend

ATHENS, Greece, Sept 20, (AP): Parliament began a debate yesterday on whether former premier Andreas Papandreu should be investigated and tried by a special court for his alleged involvement in wiretapping.

Papandreu abstained from the debate. In a memorandum read by one of his Panhellenic Socialist Movement's (Pasok) spokesmen, the former premier said he refused to follow his "opponents down the slippery path of penalising political life, slandering political figures and undermining institutions and normality."

Speakers of the conservative New Democracy Party and the communist-led coalition of the left and progress, the two groups that make up the government, alleged that Papandreu was responsible for a widespread network of wiretaps while in office.

"All the wires lead to former premier Andreas Papandreu," charged coalition speaker Pinos Skoteiniotis.

According to an investigating committee, the Greek telecommunications organisation (OTE) used an elaborate system to tap the phones of Papandreu's political friends and foes on the orders of the National Intelligence Service (EYP).

If Papandreu is referred to the special court, which is made up of the supreme court president and 12 supreme court appeals court judges, he will be investigated further and then tried if there is enough evidence.

Former government officials may only be tried by such a special high court and only if they are summoned before it in the parliamentary period following

the one in which their alleged crimes were committed, according to a constitutional amendment passed by the military dictatorship.

Pasok speakers told parliament that some wiretapping may have been carried out by the intelligence service but that there was no proof that Papandreu was behind it.

The parliamentary investigating committee proposed earlier this month that the former managing director of Greek telecommunications, Theofanis Tombras, and the former director of the national intelligence service, Costas Tsismas, now a member of the European Parliament, should also appear before the special court.

A debate is scheduled for next week to decide whether parliament will accept another committee's recommendations that a special court be formed to investigate and try Papandreu and four of his former ministers in connection with the Bank of Crete embezzlement scandal.

The bank's former owner, George Koskotas, now fighting extradition in the United States, has claimed in several interviews that Papandreu and members of his government forced him to funnel funds to the Pasok party.

A parliamentary committee investigating allegations of kickbacks in the former government's purchase of 40 French and 40 US jet fighters produced three conflicting reports.

The disagreements among the three parties — two in the governing coalition and one in the opposition — suggested that no members of the former administration would be subject to further investigation.

## German refugee exodus slackens

MUNICH, West Germany, Sept 20, (Reuter): The flood of East German refugees into West Germany slackened with only 416 arriving via Hungary last night and this morning, police said.

More than 700 had been coming daily. But some recent arrivals said Czechoslovakia, through which they must also pass, had largely sealed off its border with Hungary.

Some said they had to swim across the fast-flowing river Danube to reach the reformist state.

Police said that since Hungary opened its border with Austria on Sept 10, 16,000 East Germans had reached West Germany. Austrian police said 17,500 East Germans had crossed into Austria in the past 10 days, including 605 yesterday.

The refugees take a route through Czechoslovakia into Hungary, then across the border into Austria before finally reaching West Germany.

Meanwhile, West Germany closed the operation of its embassy yesterday until the problem of 310 East Germans being held up in the compound can be resolved, the Polish news agency PAP said.

The authorities have decided to temporarily close down the offices of the embassy, PAP said.

It said the East Germans filled two embassy buildings pending the outcome of talks between the West German government and Polish and East German authorities.

The East German refugees, seeking transfer to West Germany, were taken to a former school for Catholic students priests in the Polish capital, PAP reported.

Church sources said the refugees were moved to the former St John the Baptist seminary on a main street in the centre of the Polish capital.

There was speculation that Polish authorities might allow a West German airliner to land in Warsaw and fly the refugees to West Germany.

In Bonn, the Foreign Ministry said yesterday the Warsaw mission would close to the public from today because it had become overcrowded with refugees.

A spokesman said West Germany had contacted charitable organisations in Poland to make sure any East German refugees arriving there would be taken care of.

He said the Bonn government assumed that these refugees would not have to return to East Germany.

**Lashes out**  
Hungarian media lashed out at neighbouring Czechoslovakia yesterday reporting that Prague was preventing East Germans from reaching Hungary, which had opened its borders to the West.

A Czechoslovak government official denied that it was trying to stem the exodus of East Germans to the West through Hungary.

Hungary on Sept 11 opened its borders to East Germans headed to West Germany, breaking a bilateral agreement with its Warsaw Pact ally, East Germany, in a demonstration of its desire to strengthen ties with the West.

East Germans arriving in Budapest also have claimed in a recent days that East German and Czechoslovak officials have been harassing them to try to prevent them from reaching Hungary.

The number of East Germans seeking refuge in West Germany's embassies in Prague and Warsaw swelled to 600 yesterday, apparently after they were turned away at the West German border. Bonn closed its Warsaw mission to the public due to overcrowding.

## Pro-reform group springs up in E. Germany amid exodus

BONN, Sept 20, (Agencies): Numerous reform-minded members of East Germany's Communist Party have joined a new group opposed to the country's hard-line policies, a leader of the group said today.

Baerbel Bohley, an East German painter who helped found the nation-wide, independent New Forum last week, told West German radio it seemed there were more reform-minded people in the ruling party than had been thought.

She said 1,500 people had so far signed New Forum's founding declaration urging democratic change, and they came from all walks of life such as bakers, dentists and artists.

New Forum applied for official recognition in 11 of the country's 15 districts yesterday.

At least two other similar groups have sprung up in the past two weeks, putting additional pressure for change on East Berlin which is already under strain over

the westward exodus of thousands of its citizens.

There was no official comment yesterday from the East German government.

Other groups, like the New Forum, are also aiming at presenting their own candidates at the 1991 general election to the East German Volkskammer, or People's Chamber.

A spokesman for the Ministry of Inner German Affairs said these developments were "self-evident" in the present situation.

East Germans are reacting to the situation by either "deciding that they want out" or by trying to "push for reforms from the inside," he said.

Since Hungary closed its border last Monday, West German border police said a total of almost 17,000 refugees have reached West Germany.

According to its founders, the New Forum has already attracted "an unforeseen nation-wide interest."

# Mother Teresa impresses her American doctor

## Simply impossible to stay unmoved

CALCUTTA, Sept. 20 (UPI) — A telephone call one recent Saturday night sent George Lombardi on a trip from New York to Calcutta that allowed him to see firsthand the effects of Nobel laureate Mother Teresa's message of unlimited compassion.

A colleague had advised a philanthropist that Lombardi, an infectious diseases specialist employed by the Cornell Medical Institute, was well qualified to assist Indian doctors tending the 79-year-old Roman Catholic nun. Mother Teresa was hospitalized with heart problems on Sept. 5.

"I was at home playing with my kids, and I got a phone call from one of Mother Teresa's benefactors," said the slim, unassuming doctor about the Sept. 9 call.

"There was a flurry of phone calls and then she asked me if I wanted to go to Calcutta. I said 'do you really think this is necessary,'

and she said, 'they are willing to have you.' But Lombardi's passport had expired, and a State Department duty officer decreed that a new travel document could not be issued immediately because helping Mother Teresa was not a matter of US national security, and nor was the nun related to Lombardi.

"I knew I was in special hands when I called this woman (the philanthropist) back and told her I had been stopped by a bureaucrat," he chuckled. "She said, 'don't worry, just pack.'"

At 6 am on Sunday, an official issued him a passport.

An hour later, he was at the Indian consulate, where virtually all the staff were assembled. One of them told Lombardi to "take care of the mother because she is a god."

At 9:30 am a visa stamped in his passport. Lombardi was aboard a C-130 Hercules for Calcutta to treat a woman many believe as



**Vying for space**  
Tokyo Broadcasting System TV camerawoman Ryoko Kikuchi (left) and reporter Toyohiro Akiyama are vying to become astronauts for the Soviet Union's space station Mir, Sept. 18. One of them will be selected to become the world's first journalist in space. (Reuters wirephoto)

## US troops to stay in S. Korea: Quayle

SEOUL, Sept. 20 (Agencies) — US Vice-President Dan Quayle, surprised to find even South Korea's opposition agreed on the need for American troops here, said today North Korea remained a threat and he would fight any effort to reduce the US military presence.

Quayle, who came here with the message that Washington approved of Seoul's democratic reforms, said he was assured by President Roh Tae-Woo that South Korea "would not return to the old ways."

On the first full day of four-nation Asian tour, Quayle met Seoul's political establishment and top opposition figures including several who were jailed under the military-backed government of this country's recent past.

Although critics say human rights violations have recently increased and opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung himself is under indictment, Quayle proclaimed that Roh had "ushered in democratic reforms."

"Korea is an emerging democracy. President Roh today stated very firmly that Korea is a democracy and will continue to be a democracy," the 42-year-old Quayle told a group of South Korean newspaper editors. "And he told me very directly that we're not going back to the old ways."

Much of the day was spent in discussion and ceremony with political, business and civic leaders, including a lunch with Roh at his Blue House presidential mansion.

Quayle, in his meeting with the editors, lived up to his image as a Bush administration hardliner, saying the communist government of North Korea retained an "extraordinary willingness to use force and terrorism against the South."

An official travelling with Quayle said the vice-president had been "surprised" when South Korea's opposition leaders told him of unanimity on the US troops issue.

South Korean radicals frequently take to the streets to denounce the American presence here.

The official said Quayle assured various leaders that moves to cut some of the 43,000 US troops here were only at an early stage in Washington and would be strongly opposed by the Bush administration.

During his meeting with Quayle, veteran opposition leader Kim Dae-Jung handed the vice-president a five-page letter which mentioned his legal situation but didn't plead for assistance.

Kim, jailed under Roh's predecessors and mentor Chun Doo-Hwan, now faces charges of failing to report a colleague who made an illegal trip to North Korea. If convicted, he faces up to 15 more years in prison.

The vice-president also singled out the Soviet Union for criticism, telling the editors that in 1985, the year Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev assumed power in the Soviet Union, Moscow ended a 12-year hiatus and began to supply sophisticated aircraft and missiles to the North Koreans.

"This seems to be a strange way for the Soviet Union to demonstrate new thinking in foreign affairs, or its commitment to peace and stability in the region," he said.



**A Cambodian soldier relaxes before going on patrol.** (Reuters wirephoto)



**Surrounded by Thai security and newsmen, Hun Sen answers questions at a hotel in Bangkok.** (Reuters wirephoto)

## Khmer captures camps in Pailin

BANGKOK, Sept. 20 (Reuters) — The Khmer Rouge said today it captured several Cambodian government camps in the last few weeks near Pailin, where fighting has intensified as Vietnamese forces prepare to withdraw from the country.

The guerrilla radio, monitored in Bangkok, said the posts were captured in the last few weeks as part of an offensive to take the town about 20 km (12 miles) from the Thai border.

In Bangkok, Thai military sources said a group of 120 Cambodian troops crossed into Thailand in the area of the Pailin battlefield today to seek sanctuary.

It was the biggest reported group of defectors to Thailand since the guerrillas began fighting Phnom Penh government forces after the 1978 Vietnamese invasion.

Cambodian government officials have said fighting for the hills south of Pailin, which control important infiltration lines from Thailand, began early this year and is the fiercest now going on in the 10-year war.

There were no up-to-date reports of the fighting available from the Cambodian government side.

The Thai sources said the defecting Cambodian soldiers, aged between 16 and 30, surrendered their arms to Thai marine forces on the border in Chanthaburi province.

The Cambodians told Thai officials they were weary of the prospect of continued fighting in Cambodia. Thai officials said they would detain them for questioning.

Phnom Penh has launched a major troops recruitment drive on the eve of the Vietnamese withdrawal.

Hanoi Radio, monitored in Bangkok, said the Khmer Rouge had received large quantities of new Chinese arms supplies through Thailand and this added to the danger of civil war.

The Khmer Rouge, whose headquarters camps are on the Thai side of the frontier and who rely on supply lines stretching back into Thailand, are struggling to secure a solid foothold in Cambodia as Vietnamese forces pull out over the next week.

It said the commander of what it called the 789th division of the Cambodian government forces, Keng Savut, had fled after his position near Pailin was overrun.

Thai Prime Minister Chatichai Choonhavan pressed ahead today with last-minute efforts to head off a civil war in neighbouring Cambodia on the eve of Vietnam's troop withdrawal.

But talks here between several key figures, including Chatichai, Vietnamese Foreign Minister Nguyen Co Thach and Cambodian Prime Minister Hun Sen, ended with no concrete result.

Despite optimistic comments by Thach and Hun Sen, diplomats said there was no sign of a test of strength between Cambodian factions on the battlefield could be averted.

Chatichai sent three advisers to Beijing to sound out new peace proposals with exiled Cambodian leader Prince Norodom Sihanouk, who is allied with the Khmer Rouge.

Government officials said they would also talk with the Chinese, the Khmer Rouge's main backers, about the possibility of stopping arms supplies to the guerrillas.

## Songs to keep message alive

BOSTON, Sept. 20 (AP) — Three Chinese student leaders wanted in Beijing for this summer's dissident movement taped rock-'n'-roll songs at a Boston recording studio, and said they hope the numbers become popular in their homeland.

"They were pretty good singers," said Harry King, who is co-producing the tape. "I was shocked. Politicians usually aren't good singers."

The students recorded three songs Sunday. The song titles, translated from Chinese, are "Hold on until tomorrow," "Back to the square" and "For momma, King said."

The rockers include Wu'er Kaixi, best known as the student who challenged Premier Li Peng before troops stormed Tiananmen Square; Liu Yan, a woman who escaped with Wu'er; and Shen Tong, whose name appeared on the Chinese authorities' most-wanted list when he escaped from China. Wu'er is now a student at Harvard University, Shen is at Brandeis University and Liu is studying at Boston University.

The songs are one more way to keep the democracy movement's message alive, Shen said. The students plan to distribute the tape in Hong Kong and Taiwan.

A lot of people travel between Hong Kong and China," he said. "If the song becomes very popular and it's in everybody's mouth, it's easy to spread in China."

A Taiwanese television station taped the recording session for a news programme, and may try to edit the tape into a video for a Taiwanese variety show, said Yuch Chio, a correspondent for the station.

The line-up of China's future leadership is as unclear as ever despite speculation that strongman Deng Xiaoping has thrown his weight behind communist party chief Jiang Zemin, diplomats said.

They said Deng might be trying to build up both Jiang and Li Ruihan, two moderates on the ruling politburo, but any alignment was unlikely to oust the 85-year-old senior leader.

A Chinese diplomat's car in Paris destroyed by fire and investigators said they believed the blaze was set intentionally.

Authorities said the Renault 25 used by the Chinese embassy's commercial counsellor was nearly completely demolished by flames Wednesday morning. There were no injuries.

More than 5,000 people, an average of 190 a day, have surrendered to police and confessed to economic crimes in the first month of a government policy of granting leniency to wrong-doers who co-operate with authorities.

Zhang Sijing of the supreme people's procuratorate, or prosecutors office, said the 5,674 people who gave themselves up turned over 38 million yuan (\$10.2 million) in illicitly obtained cash and goods, the China daily newspaper reported Wednesday.

Chinese Foreign Minister Qian Qichen, touring the Middle East to boost China's international image, attacked Western nations which he said were based on wrong information.

Western countries imposed sanctions on China after its military suppression of the student pro-democracy movement in June.

## Moscow hails move on missiles

MOSCOW, Sept. 20 (Reuters) — The Soviet Union today welcomed a US proposal to drop its demand for a ban on mobile international missiles.

But Soviet Foreign Ministry spokesman Gennady Gerasimov told reporters that progress was needed on cuts in sea-launched cruise missiles.

"We can welcome the announcement of the secretary of state that at least the United States will lift its demand for a ban on mobile intercontinental ballistic missiles," Gerasimov said.

US Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday — just two days before the start of a visit by Soviet Foreign Minister Eduard Shevardnadze — that the United States would drop a long-standing demand at Strategic Arms Reduction Talks (START) for a Soviet ban on mobile intercontinental missiles.

He added that this was provided Congress agreed to funding for two mobile US systems, the MX and Midgetman.

Gerasimov noted what he said was Washington's rejection of verification measures on sea-launched missiles and said tests by US and Soviet researchers had shown verification was possible without intrusive inspections.

US policy bars the disclosure of which of its ships are carrying nuclear weapons.

"It would be a logical step in easing the work on the very important agreement to reduce strategic offensive weapons by 50 per cent," Gerasimov said.

Baker acknowledged yesterday the question of sea-launched missiles and some other START issues were unlikely to be resolved soon and that a treaty was still far off.

Speaking on the eve of Shevardnadze's visit, Gerasimov said an opportunity existed to ease mistakes in US-Soviet relations.

"Life has shown us that in arguments both sides are usually guilty. As for how the cold war began, no objective historian would blame only one side," he said.

Among topics likely to be covered in the talks between Baker and Shevardnadze in the north-western state of Wyoming is a proposed agreement on exchanging data on chemical weapons and a possible date for the first meeting between Bush and Soviet President Mikhail Gorbachev.

The Soviet Union and United States will resume nuclear arms talks on Oct. 2 in Geneva.

## 9 killed in Moro ambush

COTABATO, Philippines, Sept. 20 (AP) — Muslim commandos armed with automatic weapons ambushed a military jeep today in the southern Philippines, killing a company commander and eight soldiers, the military said.

It was the second ambush in the area in the past three days. Believers have been concerned out by the separatist Moro National Liberation Front.

Col Patsyok Macagar, Philippine Constabulary provincial commander, said the ambush occurred along an isolated stretch of highway near the town of Dinaig in Maguindanao province, just south of Cotabato and about 560 miles (895 kilometres) south of Manila.

Macagar said about 30 rebels positioned on both sides of the highway opened fire on the jeep as it passed by, killing Capt Pundodaya Usman, commander of the 454th PC company and eight of his men.

The jeep's driver survived with multiple gunshot wounds by pretending to be dead as the rebels seized the soldiers' weapons, he said.

The front is the largest of several Muslim groups that have been waging a 15-year-old insurgency for an independent Islamic state in the southern Philippines.

Military officials have warned of a possible flare-up in the Muslim insurgency because rebels want to prevent a plebiscite set for November on granting self-rule in the south, where most of the four million Muslims live.

The rebels claim that the move would not give genuine autonomy.

## Manila to send Chinese back Fake refugees

MANILA, Sept. 20 (AP) — The Philippines will deport 39 mainland Chinese who arrived here because they do not qualify as political refugees, officials said today.

Eighteen of the Chinese landed June 14 in the northernmost province of Batanes and the other 21 arrived the following week in La Union province on the western coast of Luzon island.

Andrea Domingo, deputy chief of the commission on immigration and deportation, said the Department of Foreign Affairs concurred with the decision that the Chinese left their homeland for economic reasons and could not qualify as political refugees.

Although the Chinese had left their country after the crackdown on the pro-democracy student movement in Beijing in early June, none of them claimed any links with the movement.

Silipino officials had agreed to allow the Chinese to remain here for the time being because of political uncertainty on the mainland.

Domingo said the local office of the UN High Commissioner for Refugees also had not certified the Chinese as political refugees.

In a statement, immigration chief Bienvenido Alano said the Philippines would strictly screen incoming foreigners and deport those simply seeking better economic prospects.

"We cannot afford to have a softline policy on this matter, although we would be humanitarian," said Alano. "We might open the floodgates to the influx of emigres which we can ill afford."

Domingo said officials would contact the Chinese embassy in Manila to work out details on returning the Chinese to the mainland.

## Genhis Khan: China has officially bestowed national hero status on Genghis Khan, the bloodthirsty Mongolian who created the world's biggest empire 800 years ago, an official newspaper said today.

The China Daily said scholars had decided that Genghis Khan's achievements in unifying rival Mongolian tribes and establishing his own empire outweighed his errors, which included the invasion of central Asia and eastern Europe.

"Therefore he is a national hero, a great statesman, an outstanding strategist and a splendid thinker," the newspaper said. "(He) occupies an important place in the Chinese and world history." (Reuters)

**Parties dissolved:** The election commission on Tuesday ordered the dissolution of three political parties accused earlier of links with the outlawed Burma Communist Party, the government radio reported.

The three are the Peoples Progressive Party, the National Politics Party, based in Mandalay, 440 miles (700 kms) north of Rangoon, and the Burgeen Youngmen Association, based in Myanmar, 480 miles (770 kms) northwest of the capital. (AP)

**Hepatitis carriers:** More than five per cent of the world population or 200 million people are hepatitis B carriers, an expert on the disease Dr Saul Krugman said.

He said between six to 10 per cent of the population of countries in South-East Asia and Africa were liable to be carriers of the deadly disease.

"There are about one million carriers in the United States and an estimated 200,000 new infections in the country each year," he said. (Kuna)

## Malaysia Aids: About two percent or 80 of the 4,000 Malaysian drug addicts undergoing rehabilitation have been identified as Aids carriers.

Director of the Malaysian anti-drug task force in the prime minister's department Zainuddin Abdul Bahari, said today many of them got the disease by sharing needles and syringes.

He described the finding as "nothing shocking" in view of the fact that the virus could be easily transmitted to drug addicts. (Kuna)

**Tonic foods:** Imports of snakes and frogs to make health tonics have shown a marked increase this year, a government report said on Wednesday.

Some Korean males are fond of soup made from snakes and frog meat to build stamina.

According to an Agriculture and Fisheries Ministry report to the National Assembly on imports of foreign foodstuffs, the value of South Korea's imports of snakes in the first half of this year jumped to \$380,000, surpassing \$295,000 of snakes imported during all of 1988.

The report also said that Korea imported \$48,000 worth of frogs in the first six months of this year, far above last year's level of \$37,000 worth. (AP)

**Family planning:** China's family planning chief says strict regulations have prevented 200 million births since 1970.

The People's Daily today quoted Peng Peiyuan as saying this had saved China 3,000 billion yuan (\$810 billion) in the cost of educating and feeding 200 million people up to the age of 16. (Reuters)

## Nato to present troops and arms cut package to Warsaw Pact

BRUSSELS, Sept. 20 (Reuters) — The Nato allies will present a full package of proposals for troops and arms cuts to the Warsaw Pact tomorrow after patching up a US-European row, diplomats said.

Defence officials worked out a compromise yesterday in which they sidestepped big differences on how to safeguard an arms treaty against cheating and circumvention.

"The alliance has a full package now," a diplomat said, adding that the 16 allies would present it tomorrow at the Conventional Forces in Europe (CFE) talks in Vienna.

Greece had also withdrawn its objections to the number of armoured troops carried by Turkey, which had threatened to block presentation of the proposals, the sources said.

But diplomats said fundamental differences remained between the United States and some of its allies, notably France, Italy and Britain, over how intrusive inspections should be to protect a CFE treaty from cheating.

"There was a recognition that there were substantive differences, so we have opted for general language that does not go into detail for the time being on these issues," one diplomat said.

The United States is seeking to meet a deadline set by President George Bush for a CFE treaty to be wrapped up next year. The treaty would cut US and Soviet troop levels and heavy military equipment held by their military alliances in an area stretching from the Atlantic to the Urals.

Nato proposes a ceiling of 275,000 US and Soviet troops and parity in tanks, armoured vehicles, big guns and combat aircraft held by the two camps.

The European allies have rebelled against a US proposal that would open up their arms factories, as well as bases and deployment areas, to inspection by the Warsaw Pact. They say such inspections are too intrusive.

Washington argues that such inspections are necessary if a CFE treaty is to secure quick ratification by the US Senate.

Some Europeans also want a written declaration by Moscow that Soviet forces will not be re-organised east of the Urals — outside the area under negotiation — in a way that would circumvent a treaty.

But the United States is wary of this, fearing Moscow might seek similar assurances from Washington which could limit US military activity at sea or on the North American mainland.

Diplomatic sources said the package to be presented tomorrow would not specifically mention verification at arms factories or notification of movement of arms in and out of the zone under discussion.

## Residence rights British offer

LONDON, Sept. 20 (AP) — Britain will offer residence rights to pick Hong Kong citizens on a "pick and choose" basis so that they will have a lifetime when China takes over the colony in 1997, Foreign Office Minister Francis Maude said today.

"We are going to have to select some people as opposed to others," Maude said in a radio interview shortly after returning from Hong Kong.

"Once you accept, as I think it has been universally accepted in Britain, that you can't issue the right of abode to all 2.5 million (British) passport holders in Hong Kong, then inevitably you are going to have to pick and choose."

Maude said that selecting some Hong Kong Chinese and rejecting the rest for residence rights was "not a particularly agreeable process."

"Some of those people who are most essential for the continued success of Hong Kong need to have the assurance of a lifetime without having to go abroad to get it," Maude added.

# 7 per cent hike at tourist facility

## Move widely criticised

A SENIOR touristic official announced yesterday that the company will increase the prices of services and rents of chalets at the Kheiran resort by 7 per cent from the beginning of next year. The official attributed the new price hike to "face losses and misuse of the public to company utilities and services." The official announced that the concerned authorities in the country are currently studying

details and plans to establish huge touristic resorts near Bubiyan island. The new project will extend between Subbiya and the island and will include better services than the Kheiran resort.

He added that the company was forced to stop the showers at the waterfront project because some people misused the utility.

He said that some families started using

the showers instead of taking a bath at home and that many Asian labourers bathed at the waterfront on the company's account to the extent that the fresh water bill in five months only reached KD 150,000.

### Criticism

Many people have been widely criticising the price policy and the high charges

obtained by the company. People demanded on many occasions that prices of the touristic sites be reduced in order to suit the common man. The people also claimed that although the charges were high, the services offered were in most cases sub-standard. In addition, the prices of goods and food sold at shops and canteens inside the touristic sites, are at least double the prices outside.

## 'Kuwait in Paris' jointly launched

PARIS, Sept. 20. (Kuna): Kuwaiti Information Minister Sheikh Jaber Mubarak Al Sabah and the French Labour Minister Jean-Pierre Soisson today jointly inaugurated the Kuwaiti Cultural Week at the Arab World Institute.

The Kuwaiti information minister arrived here yesterday evening accompanied by a number of Kuwaiti intellectuals, considered as pioneers in their fields.

The opening of the cultural week began with an exchange of speeches between Sheikh Jaber and the chairman of the Arab World Institute Edgar Pisani dealing with the cultural co-operation between Kuwait and France in general and with the Arab World Institute in particular.

The cultural week's activities include six galleries, two seminars on the development of Kuwait and several musical concerts by the Kuwait television troupe, the students of the Higher Institute for Music and Al Aamiri folkloric troupe.

### Concerts

Five concerts will be held at the Arab World Institute Theatre and another will be staged at the grand courtyard of the "Georges Pompidou" cultural centre next Saturday.

Three of the galleries, organised by the Kuwait National Museum and the "House of Islamic Antiquities," are to stay open at the institute until mid-January.

The National Museum of Kuwait is exhibiting objects excavated in Kuwait, dating back to Alexander the Great and the "Dilmun" civilisation.

Some of these objects were found recently by a French excavation team, headed by the renowned expert Jean-Francois Salfe who argues that the Dilmun civilisation prospered in the northern part of the Gulf 2,000 years BC.

The House of Islamic Antiquities has set up two galleries within the activities of the cultural week, the first of which exhibits objects and tools used by Muslim scientists in their astrology, medicine and mathematics research.

The second gallery exposes letters and books written by European voyagers on the Arab and Islamic worlds in the period between the 15th and 19th centuries.

There are galleries for formative arts, photos on modern Kuwait and a special section on Franco-Kuwaiti relations, starting with a photo of HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad, then Crown Prince and Prime Minister, with the late French leader Charles de Gaulle in 1968.

Visitors of the cultural week will be introduced to the life-style of Kuwait before the discovery of oil in the sea and the desert, and a traditional Kuwaiti tea house has been set up to offer hot beverages.

Tomorrow, a number of Kuwaiti intellectuals will meet their French counterparts in a seminar on the development of Kuwait.



Security lecture

LT Adel Al Habeeb from the Public Relations Department at the Ministry of Interior delivered a lecture at the Training Centre in Jabriya Sunday evening. The lecture was attended by the Ministry of Education Undersecretary, Abdulrahman Al Khodari, the director of the Training Centre Naser Al Dhahli and a number of newly hired teachers.

The lecturer spoke on security issues related to the teaching profession and procedures followed to complete their petitions at the Ministry of Interior Immigration and Traffic Departments.

## 40 AIDS carriers discovered

# Special AIDS ward will be completed soon: Enezi

CONSTRUCTION work on a special ward for the treatment and isolation of AIDS patients which began a year ago is nearing completion. Dr Abdul Aziz Al Enezi, director of the Infectious Diseases Hospital announced yesterday.

Necessary state-of-the-art equipment is presently being installed and the facility is expected to open shortly. The facility includes an intensive care unit and a specially trained medical staff highly qualified to look after AIDS cases and patients.

The official confirmed that Kuwait has not discovered a single AIDS patient in the country and that all the cases diagnosed so far related to carriers and not patients.

However, he clarified that the establishment of the ward comes within the ministry's efforts to be prepared to face all consequences related to this killer disease. The Ministry of Health will ensure that the ward is provided with all necessary equipment and drugs — particularly the drug AZT used in the treatment of AIDS.

### Report

In a related development, highly informed medical sources at the Ministry of Public Health revealed yesterday that so far Kuwait has discovered 40 AIDS carriers. The majority of the carriers were Asian expatriates who were deported from Kuwait. The sources believed that health authorities could discover more AIDS carriers in the future though they provided no basis for this rationalisation. An important report on AIDS in Kuwait is said to have been submitted to the Planning Minister and acting Health Minister, Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi.

Health authorities in Kuwait have discovered at least 7 cholera cases in the past few weeks. Kuwait has been taking very stringent measures to prevent the spread of diseases, including strictly banning the entry of foodstuffs by passengers returning from their home countries or after spending summer

vacations outside Kuwait. The ban is imposed every year during the long summer months.

Returning to the issue of AIDS, Enezi emphasised that Kuwait has been dealing with AIDS in accordance with specific guidelines worked out by the national committee for combating the diseases.

"The situation in relation to AIDS in Kuwait is well under control and there is no cause for panic," the official said. The latest newsletters and publications sent by WHO about AIDS are being distributed to the medical staff and the Infectious Diseases Hospital will continue to upgrade the expertise of the medical and nursing staff in the field of treatment of AIDS, Enezi said.

### Expansion

Enezi revealed that the hospital administration is going ahead with an expansion and modernisation plan that will include all the wards at the hospital. The main objective is to achieve optimal utilisation of the available utilities and services at the hospital. One of the wards has been recently re-designed and renovated to provide private rooms for patients diagnosed as infectious cases. The expansion plan also includes constructing a new additional building, which is specially designed to address the type of diseases to be treated.

Enezi said that the Ministry of Health has instructed all health centres this year to refer all patients suffering from diarrhoea after arriving in Kuwait from abroad to the epidemic diseases centres to carry out further analysis and ensure that citizens and expatriates in the country are not affected.

Any case of epidemic diseases discovered is soon sent to the Infectious Diseases Hospital for treatment and isolation and the hospital is closely co-operating with the Expatriate Manpower Examination Centre to provide them with the necessary treatment for common diseases. The most common diseases among expatriate manpower is malaria, filariasis and leprosy, Enezi said.

## 2,929 families aided by Zakat House

### 181 deportees assisted

A MEMBER of the board of directors and the chairman of Local Distribution Committee at Zakat House, Mohammed Hadi Al Awadi was quoted as saying that house had locally realised a good performance during the first half of 1989.

In an interview with a local daily, Al Awadi said that the house was concentrating its efforts on local charitable activities and assisting needy families.

In compliance with such a policy, the house has extended

prompt financial assistance during the first half of this year to about 2,929 families to the amount of KD735,000, the official said.

Loans He added that there were another 370 families who benefit from the monthly assistance of the house and were receiving about KD25,900 per month in addition to loans extended to about 65 families for the amount of KD97,500.

Apart from the above and in

co-ordination with the Deportation Department at the Interior Ministry, the house extended the necessary assistance to about 181 deportees by providing airline tickets which amounted to KD13,000, the official said.

He also added that the house was extending the necessary support to local welfare societies to enable them to implement their charitable projects, and in this context the house had extended financial assistance to about 16 societies of about KD53,710.

## Amir's Iraq visit hailed

KUWAIT, Sept. 20. (Kuna): A senior Iraqi official today welcomed the upcoming visit to his country by HH the Amir of Kuwait Sheikh Jaber Al Ahmad Al Sabah and praised Kuwait's responsible national stances as well as the brotherly relations between the two countries.

Iraqi First Deputy Premier Taher Yassin Ramadan told a local daily, that the Amir's visit to Iraq is a "visit of love, brotherhood and co-operation and the Amir will find during his stay in Iraq all kinds of appreciation and honour from the Iraqi people and government."

### Optimism

Ramadan expressed optimism regarding Kuwaiti-Iraqi relations, which he said will be very advanced and distinguished, pointing to expansion of co-operation between the two countries during the past years.

He added that the summit which will bring together HH and President Saddam Hussein in Baghdad will establish a new foundation for bilateral co-operation between the two countries.

The Amir is due on Saturday to pay a visit to Iraq within a tour that will include France and a number of African countries.

### Brotherhood

Meanwhile, an Iraqi daily welcomed the forthcoming visit to Iraq by HH the Amir.

Al Qadisiya newspaper said in a commentary today that the Amir's visit to Iraq would reflect Kuwait's real brotherhood with Iraq.

The daily asserted Kuwait's support for Iraq and its people hoping that the relations that had flourished during the bitter and hard time of Iraq's war with Iran, would further blossom in the future.

## Human relations important: Awadi

UNITED NATIONS, Sept. 20. (Kuna): Kuwait views its relations with other countries not in a narrow political context, but in a human manner to satisfy the needs of peoples in the developing world, a senior Kuwaiti government official said yesterday.

This is the aim of Kuwait's massive aid to highly indebted countries, Mariam Abdul Karim Al Awadi, assistant under-secretary of the Planning Ministry, told a high-level General Assembly committee on the opening day of the 44th session.

The committee's mandate is to review technical co-operation among developing countries. Chaired by Kuwaiti Ambassador Mohammad A. Abdulhasan, the meeting will run through September 26.

"After the debt problem became the centre of conflict between creditor and debtor countries and a barrier to progress," she said, "the Amir of Kuwait stepped in during last year's General Assembly with his plan for debt relief by calling on creditor nations to forgive interest or a portion of principal of the developing countries' debt."

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# No pardon for drug offences

## Visa restrictions may be relaxed

THOSE imprisoned for drug offences will not be considered in any future Amir pardon to reduce their jail sentences as Kuwait is exerting strenuous efforts to combat the spread of this deadly vice, Interior Minister Sheikh Salem Al Sabah announced yesterday.

Kuwait's concern in fighting drugs began well ahead of many other countries — even before some presidents began taking counter measures. Kuwait co-operates in combatting this scourge with the GCC states, the Arab League and Interpol.

Sheikh Salem said that the Ministry of Interior receives unlimited support in this issue from HH the Amir and HH the Crown Prince and Premier and disclosed that it was HH the Amir and the government who had asked him to strictly enforce the drug laws.

On the traffic issue, Sheikh Salem said that expatriates committing and repeating traffic offences that could endanger the lives of others will be deported from Kuwait. Kuwaitis who commit the same offences will also face stringent penalties such as being jailed and withdrawal of their driving licences for one, two or even three years. The minister said that just as people respect traffic rules while in other countries, the same respect should be accorded in Kuwait.

### Penalties

The minister disclosed that he was the one who initiated the deportation order and asked the director of the Traffic Department to announce it. The decision is intended to punish those who do not respect the security and safety of Kuwait, its laws and regulations — particularly traffic laws. He emphasised



Sheikh Salem ... no leniency.

on the dangers of violating the traffic rules, adding that breaking the red traffic light could result in the death of several persons and these violations must be strongly curbed.

Sheikh Salem said that the Ministry of Interior is currently studying new measures to facilitate obtaining driving licences for some certain sections of expatriates. The new relaxations will be done in accordance with a set of considerations, still under study. The ministry will look to this issue from three aspects. The first is the safety on roads and the face that the increase in the number of cars, will lead to increasing traffic accidents. The second is the Public Transportation Corporation. If we provide every one with driving licences, who will use the KPTC buses? The third relates to determining those categories of people who really need the driving licences in their work and these will be provided. Some professions will be reconsidered for issuance of driving licences, the minister said.

Sheikh Salem also revealed that a number of committees at the Council of Ministers in which several ministries are represented including the Ministry of Interior, are currently studying the possibility of taking certain measures to relax visa restrictions. The new measures will be adopted within the comprehensive plan to improve and reactivate the national economy. But the minister stressed that the new measures will not mean adopting a policy of openness. Visa applications must be made well in advance in order to allow the ministry authority enough time to examine and scrutinise the applications. He added that the ministry does not hinder granting visas to well known and respected businessmen and traders. There is no problem in this concern, the minister said. Such businessmen can also obtain visas from Kuwait embassies in their countries and even if they arrive at Kuwait Airport, they can be provided with a visa for 24 hours, under the sponsorship of the Kuwaiti company.

### Investigations

Sheikh Salem said that the ministry authorities have to investigate the applications thoroughly. He said that recently, visas were provided to several people who claimed to be traders. In Kuwait, they were found to be drug traders and a huge quantity of drugs was found with them.

The main purpose of the ministry procedures is to ensure that those who "want to come to Kuwait are decent people who come here to practice honest work." The main criteria of the ministry in this respect is the protection and safeguarding Kuwait's security. Relaxation of visas has become possible with the introduction of computers, Sheikh Salem said.

# Reciprocal trade chances high, states Matherbe

## Mauritius minister leaves

KUWAIT, Sept. 20. (Kuna): Mauritian Minister of Industry and Technology C. Matherbe in a pre-departure statement yesterday said that chances are high to start reciprocal trade between Kuwait and Mauritius.

He believed that trade co-operation between Kuwait and his country will open new avenues to introduce the products of the two countries in their markets, saying that we will soon come to some sort of arrangements that would enable us to conclude some trade accords with Kuwait.

The Mauritian official expressed pleasure over his stay here and said that he held with Kuwaiti Commerce and Industry Minister Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khalid provided us the opportunity to start initiating actions and hoped that the future will witness the two countries linking up in good trade and bilateral relations.

Responding to a question on investment opportunities in Mauritius, the minister said that the climate for investment in his country is super, adding "we believe that Mauritius is now approaching very closely to that point where we are becoming a fully industrialised country."

The minister further added that the Mauritian government provides all facilities and necessary training in the industrial sectors "to improve the quality of our products."

In conclusion, he applauded the hospitality he and his delegation was accorded and described the visit as "successful."

The Mauritian minister and the accompanying delegation were seen off at the airport by Minister of Trade and Industry Faisal Abdul Razzak Al Khalid, at the conclusion of their five-day official visit to Kuwait.

## Anti-hepatitis inoculation campaign to begin Jan '90

THE Ministry of Public Health (MPH) is to launch a nationwide medical campaign to inoculate new born babies against hepatitis. The campaign is expected to commence early next January.

The Minister of Planning and acting Minister of Public Health Dr Abdul Rahman Al Awadi, quoted by a local daily, said that the purpose of this campaign is to immunise children against contracting hepatitis as they grow up.

He added that the required anti-hepatitis inoculins were ready pending finalisation of preparations to launch the proposed campaign on time.

In a related move the Kuwaiti medical delegation to the meeting of Regional Committee for East Mediterranean Area affiliated to World Health Organisation (WHO) scheduled to take place in Tehran will leave Kuwait on Sept. 30, a local daily reported.

Kuwait's minister of planning and acting minister of public health will head the Kuwaiti delegation and will be accompanied by the Director of Kuwait Institute for Medical Specialisation Dr Abdullah Al Rifai, the Assistant Secretary-General of Arab Gulf Health Ministers Council Dr Rashid Al Rushood and the Legal Advisor at the Ministry of Public Health, Yahya Abu Al Fitouh.

Meanwhile, the daily learnt the meeting will also be attended by a number of Arab health ministers including the Jordanian and Syrian ministers of public health.

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## US betraying Afghan rebels: Hekmatyar

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 20. (Agencies): The head of the most powerful Afghan rebel group charged Washington has "decided to betray and sell out" the resistance as part of moves "aimed at suppressing Islamic resurgence."

"US interference in the internal affairs of Afghanistan is aimed at installing a government of its choice in our Muslim country," Gulbuddin Hekmatyar, leader of the Hezbe-Islami, the most powerful of the seven main rebel groups fighting the pro-Soviet Kabul government, said in a statement.

"To achieve this very goal, Washing-

ton has regrettably started to make all-out efforts, fair and unfair, to enthrone the elements of its liking in our war-torn motherland."

The United States, which supplies arms to the Pakistan-based Muslim rebels along with China and some Middle Eastern countries, said earlier this month a US envoy had held discussions in Rome with former Afghan King Zahir Shah on ways to end the more than 10-year-old civil war in Afghanistan.

Some of the more moderate parties in the Afghan resistance support the return to Afghanistan of Zahir Shah, who was

deposed in a 1973 coup. But the more powerful and fundamentalist groups, including the Hezbe-Islami, have rejected any such move, charging the co-king is un-Islamic.

The rebels, known as mujahideen, have had little military success so far this year despite the withdrawal in February of Soviet troops backing the Kabul regime, sparking an escalation of inter-tribe conflicts and prompting speculation they may eventually be forced to seek a political solution to the war.

Ten years after Soviet forces intervened in Afghanistan, the official

press in Moscow disclosed yesterday that the top Soviet soldier in Kabul opposed the move and lost his job because of it.

Gen. Ivan G. Pavlovsky was overruled by then-Soviet President Leonid Brezhnev with the unanimous backing of the Communist Party Politburo, the weekly Literary Gazette reported.

The page-long article, printed in the paper's latest edition on the decision to enter Afghanistan in December 1979, was based on Anatoly Gromyko's recollections of his conversations with his father, former Soviet foreign minister and President Andrei A. Gromyko and

an interview with Pavlovsky.

The report was the first in the Soviet press to disclose high-level military opposition to the decision to enter Afghanistan.

Before the Soviets completed their withdrawal on Feb. 15, 13,000 Soviet soldiers were killed. The war between forces of the pro-Soviet Afghan government and anti-Marxist rebels continues.

The newspaper report is part of a painful re-evaluation of the Soviet experience in Afghanistan, spurred by the return of thousands of soldiers who suffered wounds in the fighting.

## Israelis kill Arab inside a mosque

Israel-PLO talks this year likely

OCCUPIED GAZA, Sept. 20. (Agencies): Israeli security forces shot dead a Palestinian in a mosque in the occupied Gaza Strip yesterday after Arab youths attacked their vehicles with stones, witnesses and hospital officials said.

Arab witnesses said soldiers in civilian clothes opened fire hitting Amer Mansour, 21, who was apparently a bystander, after the attack on their two vehicles in Gaza city's Daraj neighbourhood. The vehicles had Gaza licence plates.

"We were preparing to pray. A man was washing his hands before prayer. Soldiers came five metres (yards) inside the mosque and shot him," a witness told Reuters.

He said 200 Muslim worshippers were there at the time. Other witnesses said the youths had thrown the stones not from the mosque but from the other side of the road.

Doctors at Gaza's Shifa Hospital said a bullet hit Mansour behind the ear and passed through his brain, killing him instantly. Relatives took the body from hospital for burial.

A military spokesman said the Army was investigating the circumstances of the shooting.

Israeli troops fighting a 31-month-old Palestinian uprising in Gaza and the occupied West Bank have commandeered Arab cars and dressed in civilian clothes, posing as tourists on at least one occasion, to infiltrate Arab areas and seize troublemakers.

In the West Bank, witnesses said Palestinian activists burned down two houses of an Arab family suspected of collaborating with Israel and accused of kidnapping a Palestinian mayor. Mayor Hanna Atrash, 66, of the fiercely nationalist West Bank town of Beit Sahour, said he was held for more than an hour on Monday night after being kidnapped by the family.

Atrash, speaking from hospital, told Reuters he was rescued when hundreds of villagers stormed into the house where he was detained and overpowered members of the family.

Members of the family, their hands and faces covered with soot and bruises, carried scorched furniture out of the burned-out houses yesterday. They threatened to stone journalists trying to ask them questions.

Troops arrested a 16-year-old youth from the family, leading him out of the house in handcuffs.

Meanwhile, an Arab shouting "God Is Great" stabbed an Israeli man inside Jerusalem's walled old city today, police said.

The victim, who was identified as a 30-year-old Jew, was slightly wounded by the attacker who escaped, police spokesman said.

The stabbing took place in the Muslim quarter on Habad street near the Damascus gate.

In Washington, US Secretary of State James Baker said yesterday that he hopes to meet with the foreign ministers of Israel and Egypt next week in New York to discuss plans for elections to be held in Israeli-occupied territories.

"I have been in touch with both foreign ministers ... and I would hope that we will be able to meet when we're all three in

## Arabs set fire to Israeli forest

BEIT OREN, Israel, Sept. 20. (Reuters): A forest blaze which police said Arab arsonists started in a "nature park" in northern Israel for the second day today, causing the worst fire damage in 21 months of a Palestinian uprising.

The forest blaze destroyed some 2,000 acres (800 hectares) of scenic woodland in the Carmel mountains south of Haifa — more than all previous fires started by activists in the revolt against Israeli occupation of the West Bank and Gaza Strip.

"It is an ecological holocaust," Dan Peri, deputy head of the Nature Reserve Authority, told Reuters. "It will take at least 30 years to restore what has been destroyed here."

Police said they were holding six Arabs, some from the occupied territories, on suspicion of arson. They said they believed the fire was ignited for nationalist motives.

A previously unknown group calling itself "Direct Revenge" claimed responsibility for the sabotage on Tuesday in a telephone call to Israel television's Arabic service.

Prime Minister Yitzhak Shamir told a radio interviewer: "The fire is the result of arson by violent elements whose sole aim is to destroy, burn and demolish all that lives in this country. These are the objectives of the terror organisations."

"There is no doubt that Israel's hand will reach those responsible for these crimes and

punish them," he said.

The fire ravaged a popular picnicking area known to Israelis as "Little Switzerland." Large areas of forest were charred.

A Palestinian radio station broadcasting from Syria, Sawt Al Quds (the voice of Jerusalem), has repeatedly urged Arabs to drop lit cigarettes in Israeli forests, listeners said.

Israel recently stopped jamming the broadcasts by Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command, featuring patriotic songs, up-to-the-minute news of the uprising and calls to violent resistance.

Attacks on forests strike a sensitive nerve in Israel, who for decades have planted trees as a sign of attachment to their ancestral homeland.

Jews around the world donate groves in Israel to mark family celebrations or commemorate dead relatives.

Agriculture Minister Avraham Katz-Oz estimated the cost of the damage to natural resources at up to \$5 million.

By midday today, fire-fighters using planes to drop water had contained the blaze but pockets were still burning near the collective farm of Kibbutz Beit Oren, whose residents were evacuated overnight.

Fanned by a hot wind from the Arabian desert, which eased today, the fire reached within a few hundred metres of the residential southern suburbs and university campus of Haifa.

New York at the United Nations General Assembly next week, to further discuss ways in which we might implement the Israeli election proposal," Baker said.

Addressing a State Department news conference for the first time since taking office, Baker said he was encouraged by recent diplomatic activity and stressed the need for direct talks between Israelis and Palestinians.

Baker also said that Israeli and

Egyptian proposals for elections in the West Bank and Gaza are not in conflict.

Swedish Foreign Minister Sten Andersson predicted today that Israel would hold direct talks with Palestinians before the end of 1989.

"I think there are good hopes for a direct dialogue between a Palestinian delegation and the Israeli government this autumn," he told a news conference in Amman.



Two Palestinians suspected of collaborating with the Israeli secret police (one holds a bandage to his eye) were attacked by a crowd of activists, who freed the town mayor the collaborator had kidnapped earlier. (Reuters wirephoto)

PFLP-GC base hit

## Israelis raid

BEIRUT, Sept. 20. (Agencies): Israeli warplanes raided a Syrian-backed Palestinian base south of Beirut today, inflicting damage and casualties, security sources said.

They said six jets took part in the air attack on positions manned by commandos of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command (PFLP-GC) in the coastal Muslim village of Naameh, 9 miles (14 km) south of Beirut.

The planes scored direct hits, and according to initial reports, the air attack caused extensive damage and "killed and wounded at least 10 fighters."

Commandos opened fire at the attacking warplanes, using anti-aircraft guns and heat-seeking

shoulder-fired Sam-7 missiles.

Manoeuvring through the ground fire, the planes carried out the attack and flew away without being hit.

It was Israel's 12th air strike in Lebanon this year, and the fourth against the PFLP-GC.

In Jerusalem, an Israeli Army spokeswoman said the target was a base for Ahmed Jibril's General Command for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command (PFLP-GC) group.

"Planes attacked this afternoon terrorist targets in the Naameh area, north of Damour ... the targets attacked were a command headquarters for Ahmed Jibril's terror group and a staging post for attacks on Israel," she said.

## Egypt denies building fence

CAIRO, Sept. 20. (Reuters): Egypt denied today Israeli reports it was building a fence along the border with the Jewish state. It said it was only mending an old one.

"This is not true. There has been a barbed wire fence along the border for years. All we are doing now is mending the damaged parts," a senior military official told Reuters.

Israeli army radio said today about 1,000 unarmed Egyptian soldiers had arrived at the popular Red Sea resort of Taba to begin building the fence.

It said Egypt, which signed a peace treaty with Israel 10 years ago, had informed the Israeli army about the project but did not say why it decided on the move.

## Arafat on mediation mission

TUNIS, Sept. 20. (Reuters): The head of the PLO's diplomatic service said in an interview published today that PLO Chairman Yasser Arafat was mediating between Egypt and Libya.

"Arafat was there (in Cairo) on a well-defined and well-known mission — to bridge the gap between (Egyptian President Hosni) Mubarak and (Libyan leader Muammar) Gaddafi for a meeting between them," Farouk Kaddoumi told the Tunisian government newspaper Al-Sahafa.

"This explains Arafat's repeated visits to Libya," he added. Arafat has visited Libya and Egypt twice in the past 10 days.

His trips to Cairo have been linked to Egyptian moves to modify an Israeli plan for elections by Palestinians in the Israeli-occupied territories and arrange a preparatory meeting in Cairo between

Israelis and Palestinians.

But Kaddoumi, who heads the political (foreign affairs) department of the Palestine Liberation Organisation (PLO), said the PLO had not seen Egypt's so-called 10-point plan except through the media and no one had asked the PLO to respond to it.

"It's an Egyptian initiative which has nothing to do with us ... leaders and heads of state have the right to improvise as they wish but we also have the right not to commit ourselves to everything that is said," he said.

One of Kaddoumi's colleagues in the PLO Executive Committee, Mohamed Milhem, told Reuters yesterday that an indirect dialogue between the PLO and Israel was taking place in Cairo.

## Despite Israeli clientele, Taba hotel struggles for Egyptian image

CAIRO, Sept. 20. (AP): International arbitration a year ago resolved the last border dispute between Egypt and Israel, a squabble over a 250-acre (1-square-kilometre) strip of beach and the plush hotel on it.

Israel lost, but that's not immediately apparent from looking at the guests.

Six months after the Jewish state ceded Taba to Egypt, the former Aviya-Sonesta beach hotel is struggling to develop an Egyptian image while catering to a clientele that is mainly Israeli.

"It's still the same hotel," said Joe Sultan, the general manager through suc-

sive owners and management chains. Except, he said, "instead of a waiter called Moshe, we now have Moussa."

The names are Hebrew and Arabic versions of the same name, Moses.

Opened in 1982 by Egyptian-born Israeli builder Eli Papouchada, the 10-story, 327-room hotel boasts panoramic views of the pristine Gulf of Aqaba and Sinai's rugged mountains. It quickly became a favourite among Israelis, who popped across the border from Eilat in vans, buses and boats.

Although Taba had been in dispute since early 1982, when Israel refused to

return it with the rest of Sinai under terms of a 1979 peace agreement, Israelis nonetheless were shocked last Sept. 29 to find the place no longer belonged to them. International arbitrators had ruled after 18 months that Egyptian claims prevailed.

Long months of haggling followed over special facilities for Israeli tourists and a \$37-million compensation to Papouchada. Egypt finally raised its flag over Taba on March 15 and Egyptian nationals marched into the hotel. Taba's only significant structure, to claim their jobs.

Outside, Israeli employees burned street barricades of automobile tires and demon-

strated to protest their uncertain future. Almost 280 of the 306 Israeli workers last March have since been laid off, but the hotel still employs people from both countries.

Sultan said in a telephone interview it's become a model of co-existence. "This is beautiful," he said. "I wish the governments would take an example from the harmony."

Many details remained unsettled and confusion reigned at the turnover in March, but much of that has dissipated as technical problems have been ironed out.

## Ozal might run for presidency

ANKARA, Sept. 20. (Reuters): Prime Minister Turgut Ozal is likely to run for the Turkish presidency next month but he plans to delay any announcement of his candidacy until the last moment, ruling party sources said today.

Ozal, Turkey's dominant politician since three years of army rule ended in 1983, would be nearly assured of being elected the first civilian president since 1960 if he stood.

## MIDEAST BRIEFS

**FLN needs major surgery:** Algeria's National Liberation Front has lost the public trust it needs to retain power in a multi-party democracy, former FLN leaders have warned.

A special meeting of guerrilla veterans and party bosses also heard a call for the party's entire leadership — including President Chadli Benjedid — to step down and face new elections. The call was quickly dismissed.

A former FLN secretary-general Mohamed Salah Yahiaoui told the meeting that "during the war of liberation the front granted only martyrdom. Today it gives out villas and cars."

"Because of this opportunistic elements have infiltrated into the front. If we want to regain trust we must carry out deep surgery," Yahiaoui said in remarks published on Wednesday by the Arabic daily El Chabab. (Reuters)

**Abolish death penalty:** Amnesty International has appealed to Iran and Iraq and four other countries, including the United States, to abolish capital punishment.

The London-based human rights group called on Iran, Iraq, China, South Africa, the United States and the Soviet Union to scrap the death penalty. (Reuters)

**Plea gone unheeded:** The Lebanese family of a man they said was killed in an explosion at a hotel in London said on Wednesday that their repeated requests to British authorities for return of his body have gone unheeded.

"For a month and a half now, we have been demanding the delivery of the body of our son Mustafa Mazeh who died in the explosion at Beverly Hotel in London," said a statement from the family published in the leading Lebanese dailies.

**Restore relations:** Sudan has re-established diplomatic relations with the Central African Republic, the official Sudan news agency reported.

**Barre renews offer:** Somali President Mohamed Siad Barre has renewed his offer of peace talks to rebels fighting his government in the north of the country. (Reuters)

**Visa fraud charge:** An Iranian opposition leader Aladdin Touran, arrested after he stepped off a jet at Los Angeles International airport will face a visa fraud charge in Virginia, a US government official said Tuesday.

**Torture allegation:** An Iranian freed from a British prison earlier this month has written to UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar to reiterate charges that he was tortured, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported on Wednesday.

**50 villagers detained:** Police fought with stone-throwing Kurdish demonstrators on Tuesday in Turkey and detained 50, the semi-official Anatolia news agency reported.

**US denies reports:** John Kelly, the top State Department Mideast official, on Tuesday denied recent reports of an expanded Soviet role in the Mideast region.

**Charged for bomb blast:** A woman student was formally charged in an Istanbul court on Tuesday for allegedly planting a bomb at the US consulate, court officials said.

**Morocco seizes cannabis:** Police seized 85 kg (185 pounds) of cannabis when two men abandoned their car and fled on foot to avoid a roadblock in central Morocco, the Moroccan news agency MAP said on Wednesday. The men escaped. (Reuters)

**Austrian probe:** Austria is to investigate its finance minister for possible involvement in illegal arms sales to Iran, the Justice Ministry said in Vienna yesterday. A ministry spokesman said preliminary investigations into Finance Minister Ferdinand Lacina's activities would be started by the state prosecutor. (Reuters)

## 'Iraqi occupation threatens peace'

NICOSIA, Sept. 20. (Agencies): Iran's spiritual leader Ayatollah Ali Khamenei warned today that Iraq's refusal to withdraw from occupied Iranian territory is "a threat to peace in the region," Tehran Radio reported.

The broadcast, monitored in Nicosia, quoted Khamenei as saying in a meeting with some countrymen that "the Muslim and revolutionary Iranian nation has shown, both in action and words, that it cannot tolerate the occupation of even an inch of its soil by the enemy."

The 50-year-old leader was referring to the eight-year Gulf war which ended in August last year. Iraq has refused to withdraw its forces from some 1,000 square kilometres (380 square miles) of Iranian territory it seized in the conflict.

Khamenei described the continuing occupation as "a threat to peace in the region."

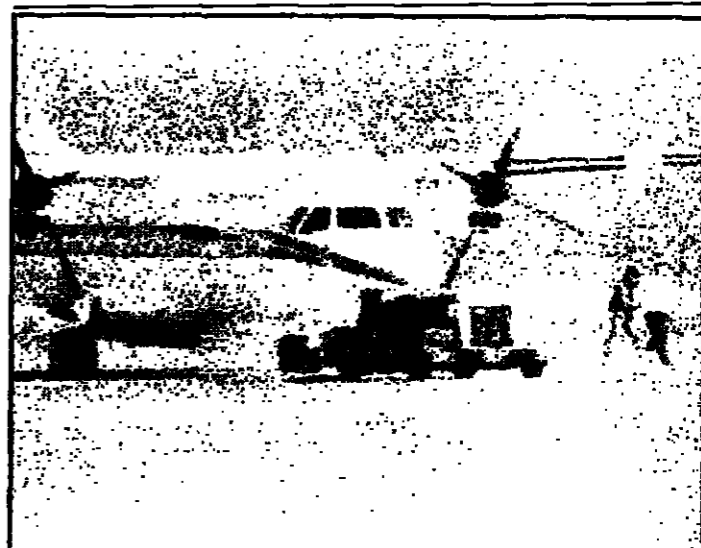
Using stronger rhetoric than Khamenei's, Iran's newly elected President Hashemi Rafsanjani

had warned on Sunday that if Iraq did not relinquish the occupied territory, "we will make it retreat by force."

In New York, UN Secretary-General Javier Perez de Cuellar announced in a press conference yesterday that his special envoy, Jan Eliasson, will launch a round of shuttle diplomacy in an effort to break the deadlocked Iran-Iraq peace talks.

A senior United Nations official yesterday assured officials that the mandate of an observer force monitoring a ceasefire along the Iran-Iraq will be extended for another six months, the Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Marrack Goulding, UN assistant secretary-general, held talks in the Iranian capital with Defence Minister Akbar Torkan, Foreign Minister Ali Akbar Velayati and Foreign Minister for international Affairs Monouchehr Mottaki, Irna said.



Lone hijacker

The lone gunman (left) who hijacked Moroccan airliner to Spain's Canary Islands leaves the plane with a crew member in white shirt, after surrendering. He had previously released the six passengers aboard. The man gave himself up about six hours after the aircraft landed, said a police officer. The crew members were freed unharmed at the same time, the officer said. (Reuters wirephoto)

## Nazi colonel spied for Mossad agents

OCCUPIED JERUSALEM, Sept. 20. (Reuters): A former Nazi SS colonel who led the daring wartime rescue of Italian dictator Benito Mussolini worked for Israel's Mossad spy agency in the 1960s, an Israeli researcher says.

Researcher Amnon Kava said the Mossad recruited Austrian-born Otto Skorzeny to gain access to and spy on German scientists working on what he said were secret missile projects in Egypt.

He said Skorzeny's German middle-name, whom he did not name, had been a soldier under his command in World War Two.

Kava disclosed the affair in a new military magazine Matara appearing next month on an Israeli television on Tuesday.

"Otto Skorzeny helped the Mossad to recruit another Nazi who was under his command during the war so that through him they could get to the German scientists who were working on missile projects for use against Israel," Kava said.

The article suggests Skorzeny worked for the Mossad because he feared being kidnapped to stand trial in Israel like Adolf Eichmann, abducted from Argentina by Mossad agents in 1960 and later executed in Israel. Eichmann masterminded the Nazis' systematic extermination of six million Jews during World War Two.

Skorzeny, who headed a special SS commando unit, which rescued Mussolini in a glider-borne assault on a hotel at Gran Sasso summit in September, 1943 was awarded the German Iron Cross for the operation.

He was acquitted of war crimes at Nuremberg after the war but was held in an American prisoner of war camp until his escape in 1948, Kava said.

He later married a German woman who helped secure his release. Kava said his source was a man who helped "save" Skorzeny.

Mossad agents reached Skorzeny by befriending his wife and convinced him to work for them, Kava said.

## Film

Hema, as a village girl in *Rihavey*

## Art films

By Firoze Rangoonwala

STRANGE but a fact that if one art film is small and starless and yet another lavish and star-studded. It has always been assumed that art films by their very nature and economic structure are simple little creations which are big and rich in story and style, and thus inwardly strong.

NFDC has now under the influence of money began promoting films with top stars and astronomical budgets. Or movies with the stars accepting smaller fees but the producer demanding big prices after completion. The strangest case is that of "Parinda" made by Vidhu Vinod Chopra who earlier made "Sazaye Maus" and "Khamosh" on shoe-string budgets. "Khamosh" which was a slick suspense thriller released at good theatres did excellent business. It had the art film team of Naseeruddin, Shabana, Amol Palekar, etc.

For "Parinda", Vinod switched to Anil Kapoor and Jackie Shroff, along with Madhuri Dixit, Anupam Kher etc., apart from the spectacular scenes. The budget shot up to one and a half crore rupees, with one night scene on a ship amounting to the cost of a whole art film. And what is the movie all about? Two brothers who come to Bombay, and try to make it big. Anil is Karan the younger brother who wants to go straight and Jackie is Krishan the elder believing in, might being right. There is a love story going along too.

With two warring brothers, this could as well be a film of Sippy or Desai and with the same two stars of "Ram Lakhan" it might as well be called "Karan Aur Krishan". Of course Vinod Chopra tries to inject some philosophy by speaking in high-flown terms: "Conceptually, I am making an anti-violence film. At an individual level, it is completely destructive. On a popular level, it is a film about gangsters, the underworld. We are calling it the ultimate gangster classic. I will be really successful when 'Parinda' earns one crore per zone."

All these funny statements betray the intentions of a disguised formula film. The central idea for it was laid in a more funny way. When Vinod's writer asked him if there was any work, he replied "Yes, write a script". They started joking about the story of two brothers. "The writer was so desperate for work he actually started writing," says Vinod. So a joke finally became a script for a huge film. The million dollar question is why did NFDC finance it? And how will it show it abroad?

The second film is "Rihaas" produced by woman director Aruna Raje after separating from her husband Vikas Desai. Formerly they made films as Aruna—Vikas. "Rihaas" meaning liberation is about a Rajasthani village of carpenters. The men go away for months to the cities for work. And what do the women do? They fill their empty house with a roving postman who visits them, for "little affairs," as Aruna calls him "a lovable rake" who chases all the women. A virtuous woman having three daughters yields to him and hopes to get a son.

She becomes pregnant at a time when the husband returns home on a periodic visit. She refuses an abortion. The village panchayat wants to communicate her. But all the women rally behind her and say that they will also go away. Then the woman's husband agrees to accept the bitter with the sweet and calls it "manliness." Even such an unreal story could have passed off as an art film with new faces. But who would believe Hema Malini as the village wife, Vinod Khanna as the husband who gives in and Naseeruddin as a fancy carpenter? Of course it needs not be mentioned that all worked at low prices.

A while ago there was a wave of ethnic cinema in the United States and other places, with Latin Americans, Sicilians etc. being given their place in the sun. Now this has caught on in India, especially with the year-long festivals it is arranging in other countries.

There must be something ethnic to be displayed, at least as a show-piece. So film makers are digging into minority communities or tribal folk to get some material. Strange dresses, headwear, jewellery, peculiar structures and decoration are enough to give the right kick or rather the kick-off signal.

Ethnicity means native emotions, native behaviour, beliefs, and native way of life, which advances at a distance. But instead of this definition, the film makers go after the superficial aspects to such as extent that commercial directors have their star dress-up in a bizarre way and picture many a song on them.

For example, Sri Devi and Govinda were recently dressed up in true style of rural Maharashtra with nine-yard sari for her and pugree-jacket for him. All that for just a song. Similarly many a movie has stars dressed up as villagers from Bengal, Tamil Nadu, Kerala, Goa, Rajasthan, Punjab and even the Kolis (fisherfolk) who were the original inhabitants of Bombay islands. In the recent "Tridev", Kalyanji Anandji concocted a folk cry and mating call "Oye Oye", mixing the African beat with the Indian coastal one.

## Star interview

## Farha

- Q. Are you happy with your star rating as compared to other heroines?
- A. Why, what's wrong with it? I am having fifty films and shooting every day of the month. Which other heroine can claim that?
- Q. Did you suffer from your flops?
- A. Flops are a part of the game, year. Every actress faces them but the hero gets the blame.
- Q. Even in roles where you have hardly anything to do?
- A. Sometimes we do sign for such roles. And how can we know in what shape the final film will appear? It is the producer-director's loss, if he does not make full use of a heroine's talent and personality, call it charm if you like.
- Q. Pardon my saying it but you have been accused of trash talk and behaviour with ladylike people?
- A. Which industry people? Only the mean or selfish ones or the small-timers? Ask the real big guns and they will tell you how good is Farha.
- Q. Some say that you threaten them for getting your way?
- A. I am not a goonda, I am an artiste. See, I am not carrying any knife or pistol with me. This karate business has been over-played by the press and industry's rumour-mongers. It is just my way of talk and approach. After any such explosion, I burst out laughing.

## Madhuri Dixit

- Q. Have you any fears about your new found success in 1989-90?
- A. Yes. A sense of responsibility. Day and night I have the doubts whether my future films will be accepted by the people in an equally big way. I have to prove myself with a continuous series of hits and good performances. Then only I may be compared to... as you people say... Sri Devi the No. 1.
- Q. Any reasons for this success, after your early failures?
- A. Hard work, with right people like Subhash Ghai and N. Chandra. Also getting the right type of secretary. My failures taught me what I have to do and how to go about it. Also to know who are my real friends and who are not. Now, I take every step with care.
- Q. Any plans to marry?
- A. At present I will only do marriage scenes in films.

## Behind the screen

Pooja Bedi knew that Aaditya would slip from her hands and her own career would be affected because of his friendship. So instead of being proved a 'reject', she dispensed with him, with the story of his forcing himself on her maid-servant. This way Pooja also garnered a lot of sympathy for herself. Question is why she gets herself entangled in such affairs in the first place. Already on the horizon are her other boy friends.

Ramesh Sippy is making a mess of outside productions for which he has been signed on as a director, while caring only for his father's banner. "Akela" and "Zameen" are both facing an uncertain fate, but he is only concentrating on "Bharashtachar" and "Ram Ki Sita". Shyam Ki Gita. Is he leaving films, like he left Kiran Juneja?

Farha was recently given a heart-shaped toy for the scenes and song of a new romantic film. She began to play around with it in such a manner that the unit was surprised. She was trying to suggest that it is symbolic of the way she can fool about with the hearts of men.

Juhi Chawla is said to have refused to be the TV Draupadi on the ground that the serial called for a lot of saree-removing and body display. But the real reason was revealed: she thinks herself too big for the small screen. Otherwise how much of stripping would Indian TV allow? And Juhi has done much more by wearing a bikini in a recent romantic film and doing a bedroom scene for "Chandni".

Sudha Chandran and Sree Prada have realised that one is a flop and the other a non-starter. So they have come down to doing stage shows and variety programmes with dances. Some actors and show-managers have welcomed this development.

## Star slips

Sesame: What will happen if I stand in the middle of the road and scream for help? Do you think those trucks would stop for me?

Shilpi: I was only an average student. I never joined college. But disco, late nights, fast cars are not my scene. I think these are extra-modernised and not meant for a drop-out.

Raj Babbar-Smita longed for just one thing, to be accepted as Mrs Smita Babbar. She even tore off her old passport. But people just would not oblige her. As soon as she died, TV and radio announced her name as my wife.

Jaya Prada: In most films, the couple has hardly fallen in love, when the two are shown kissing and making love in bedrooms. How is this possible? And how can true romance thrive?

Ektas: I may have to sleep on the floor at home, but I have to travel by car. It's a very important to maintain status and without money there is no respect in this industry.



Is Ramesh Sippy ditching 'Zameen' with Sunjay Dutt and Madhuri?

## Report still doubted

## Kennedy drama summed up

WASHINGTON, Sept. 20. (UPI): Twenty-five years ago Sunday, the Warren Commission concluded President John F. Kennedy was murdered by lone gunman Lee Harvey Oswald, setting off a debate that even a quarter century later has not been settled.

Kennedy's killing — arguably the crime of the century — by its very nature was destined to be seared into America's consciousness for years if not forever.

But instead of providing the conclusive answer to the assassination, the commission added an anguishing element of horror — that those responsible for murdering the youthful and popular president may not have been caught.

Established by President Lyndon Johnson seven days after the Nov. 22, 1963 murder, the commission, headed by chief justice Earl Warren was ordered to evaluate all the evidence and circumstances of the assassination and report a conclusion.

About 10 months work, the panel, which included former CIA head Allen Dulles and then representative Gerald Ford, Republican-Michigan, transmitted its report to Johnson on Sept. 24, 1964. It was released to the public three days later.

Critics say doubts about the report were inevitable because the 26-volume document has so many holes and implausible factors that it is worthless. Defenders argue that a lust for sen-

sationalism and the public's insistence at looking only at selected facts in the report are the main reasons attacks continue after 25 years.

## Scepticism

Ironically, some of the commission's toughest, critics and staunchest defenders — who would denounce each other on almost all aspects of the assassination — agree at least in part on why polls have consistently shown a considerable majority of the American people do not believe the Warren Commission.

They point out that immediately after the assassination, the Vietnam war forced America to realise the government could lie to them, creating a scepticism that exploded further during the Watergate scandal.

"It's really a question of how you view authority. Do you accept government pronouncements?" said Warren Commission critic David Lifton.

"There's a combination of reasons people don't believe the Warren Commission," added David Belin, who was a counsel to the panel. "Most people don't know what the facts are and related to that is the whole mistrust from Vietnam and Watergate."

Interestingly, a number of critics and defenders also agree in part that the commission's process was flawed — that too much evidence, especially the official autopsy X-rays and grisly photographs of the president's body, was kept secret.

Those photographs and X-rays, held from the commission's report at the request of the Kennedy family, are the latest source of controversy in the assassination. Today, among the most popular theories advanced by commission critics are that the X-rays and photographs are inconsistent with each other and with wounds reported by doctors who worked on Kennedy in Dallas.

Authors Harry Livingstone and Robert Groden believe the photos and X-rays, many of which have since been published, were doctored to hide proof of a second gunman and make it appear the president was shot from the rear, where Oswald was supposed to have been. Lifton, meanwhile, contends that while some of the documents may have been changed, the president's body also was altered to make it appear the shots came from back.

Hogwash Belin, probably the strongest defender of the commission, calls those arguments 'trash' and 'hogwash' and argues that the theories are kept alive and encouraged by excessive media coverage.

But while it is true that conspiracy theories have developed into their own industry of sorts and often receive a fair amount of media attention, it also is true that they have been floating around ever since the killing.

When the commission gave president Johnson its finding that Oswald acted alone — the same conclusion reached by the Dallas police within hours of the shooting — there already were murmurings of a conspiracy.

And when public release of the report came Sept. 27, there was an immediate reconciliation that it raised more questions than it answered.

Writing for the New York Times, James Reston, although not questioning the main conclusions of the report, said "the central commission only in the process of raising a new catalog of mysteries."

Reston concluded that in asking the commission to provide the facts of the assassination, Johnson had "summed up a drama that will intrigue the nation long after the historians have agreed on president Kennedy's place in history."

In that regard he was prophetic. In the years since there have been numerous private attempts to discredit the report.

A main problem for the conspiracy theorists, however, has been that they have rarely acted in unison. At least initially, they were often perceived as a group of crackpots pushing theories that were not only at odds with the commission report, but also with each other.

## Conspiracy

Unlike Watergate or other scandals since, the established news media of the time did not try en masse to refute the commission, leaving the critiques in the hands of the private critics who developed theories that ranged from the reasonable to the seemingly bizarre.

The government has accepted the findings of

the celebrated panel.

The closest official arm of the United States came to disputing the commission was in 1978 when a special congressional committee decided Kennedy had probably been assassinated as the result of a conspiracy.

But while the critics have shown the seemingly improbable nature of what the commission concluded, there has been no 'smoking gun' that would once and for all counter the report. It is a standard of proof many critics argue is unfair and may be impossible to achieve.

Over the years, almost every aspect of the report has come under fire, some for multiple reasons. But it was the heart of the commission's conclusions — the timing and direction of the shots — that has caused the most difficulty.

The commission argued that one bullet, fired by Oswald from the Texas School Book Depository building, entered Kennedy from the rear as he rode in the back seat of his limousine through Dealey Plaza in Dallas. That bullet, the commission said, passed through the president and then severely wounded Texas governor John Connally, who was in the front seat.

A later shot from the rear, the commission said, blew open the president's head and killed him.

But those findings provided critics with considerable fodder and the speculation grew even hotter when a film of the assassination, taken by bystander Abraham Zapruder, was made public.

Based on the reactions of Kennedy and Connally, the Zapruder film appeared to show a significant delay between the time the two men were hit. In addition, a backwards snap of the president's head and body from the fatal shot made it appear that bullet was fired from in front of Kennedy, not behind, where Oswald was supposed to have been.

Also, the bullet the commission said caused the multiple wounds in Kennedy and Connally was recovered in near pristine condition, despite the considerable damage it was supposed to have done. Critics dubbed it 'the magic bullet.'

Still, despite numerous problems with the commission's theory, no critic has been able to discover a factor that would prove with complete certainty that it was impossible. Defenders have pointed to several tests showing that, under very specific conditions,

the version of the shooting espoused by the commission could have happened.

Also adding to the public's willingness to accept conspiracy theories was the nature of Oswald's killing by Jack Ruby — a murder that looked as if it were designed to silence Oswald.

Through the past 25 years, however, the focus of the criticisms has shifted with the different theories on how and why Kennedy was murdered.

At various times, critics have suggested Kennedy was killed by:

— Right-wing forces upset with what they perceived as his liberal policies.

— Conservative government forces, possibly including the CIA, afraid he would abandon Vietnam to the communists.

— Soviet-related forces.

— The Mafia, either because organised crime wanted to be rid of attorney-general Robert Kennedy or because of President Kennedy's relationship with the girlfriend of a Mafia leader.

— Forces supported by Cuba's Fidel Castro, who was bent on revenge for US attempts to assassinate him.

— Various combinations of the above.

Theories about where a new investigation should focus also have changed over time.

Contradictory Recently, most of the attention has been on the new theories involving the autopsy of the president and the state of his body after the killing.

Those have been fuelled by statements from doctors and nurses at Parkland Hospital in Dallas who reported wounds on Kennedy that appeared to differ significantly from those reported in the autopsy, which was performed at the Bethesda Naval Hospital in suburban Washington.

In addition, it appeared the official autopsy X-rays were inconsistent with the official autopsy photographs. The mystery was further heightened by statements from at least one of the Bethesda attendants who insisted that Kennedy's body was in a rubberised body bag, even though people in Dallas say he never was placed in such a covering.

The proponents of those theories say they are certain they have reached the Rosetta Stone of the assassination, the best evidence that could prove a conspiracy even after 25 years. But commission supporters such as Belin say the critics are ignoring much evidence that would argue against their case.

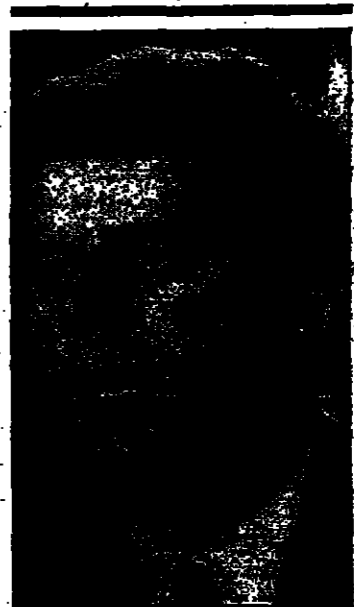
Whatever the truth, there is also little agreement on how the case will play out in the future.

Lifton agrees that the mystery of the Kennedy killing has moved from 'politics to history,' but argues it will stay alive because people will want to know the truth about a murder that was a defining moment in American history.

"There was a sense that something fundamental was lost and our direction changed," he said.

But Belin, who describes conspiracy theorists as "the Jim and Tammy Bakkers of the world," argues that the passage of even more time will eventually vindicate the commission.

"I find myself like a lonely citizen trying to educate the world about what the truth is and the world has their ears closed," he said.



John F. Kennedy



A wild image of Farha.



Going ethnic: Sri Devi and Govinda in rural Marathi outfits



Pooja Bedi: Love'am and leave'em



Madhuri Dixit



Farha: polishing up the tame and nice image



Steve Martin

# Steve the house ... Martin

## If not wild and crazy — mild and philosophical

By Ivor Davis

HE is one of the funniest men in the movies today, but there is more — much more — going on underneath. If Steve Martin has his way, however, you'll never get to it. In person, Martin is completely removed from his trademark "wild and crazy guy." He can be, in fact, as one journalist groused after an hour-long interview, "grim and sober."

That's an exaggeration, of course, but in discussing the off-serious business of making people laugh, the 45-year-old actor/comic is certainly no barrel of yuks. Robin Williams may be a laugh machine, on and off camera, but Martin is a silver-haired, slightly stooped, wearing a rumpled blue suit (maybe he slept in it) straw boater and heavy black shoes — most resembles a hardware store clerk on his day off. If not wild and crazy, how about mild and philosophical?

Sitting in a Manhattan hotel suite early one Saturday morning he is ready to discuss his latest film, "Parenthood" (opening nationwide Aug. 2). In this bittersweet contemporary comedy he plays a middle-class, conscientious father trying to cope with a representative sampling of the joys and tribulations of life in the '80s: A father who neglected his wife (Mary Steenburgen), a devoted wife (Mary Steenburgen) and three live-wire youngsters, not to mention a cat-in-dog brother (Tom Hanks) and a sister (Dianne Wiest) whose life is one big shambles.

Martin is polite, but not effusive. He answers questions as if the fate of the world depended on his reactions. Get personal and he becomes shy, almost tongue-tied, as if you had suggested he had bad breath.

Yet this is the same Steve Martin whom director Fred Schepisi ("Roxanne") calls "a great American comic treasure."

It's not that Martin isn't enthusiastic about his current endeavour.

"I'm really pleased with the movie,"

says the perfectionist actor. "It's about something that relates to all of us — raising kids and being raised by parents. In the movie my character finds out that life is really a roller coaster. It's right in the pocket of now, about issues that are the result of the last 50 years of thinking about parenting: there are psychological issues, emotional issues. Probably this century is the first time there have been theories about child raising."

A laugh riot, Martin is not.

Nevertheless, director Ron Howard says Martin was his first choice for the lead. "He brought a believability and comic inspiration to the part. As a writer, I was a great fan of his. And I would have been too serious without him. It needed someone with his sense of humour and his comic ability to inspire and entertain." But about his lead Howard admits: "He's pretty quiet about himself. This film is not a Steve Martin star turn. He felt it was a universal subject and everyone could relate to the picture."

Of his own childhood, Martin says only that he was reared "in a normal, Christian house," first in Waco, Texas, then in Southern California. "My upbringing was based around having laughs, with friends and neighbourhood kids. My home life was very American and very average — your typical normal."

That normality meant that he didn't wake up one day and find out he was a natural comic. "You never discover you're funny again. But humour appealed to me very early. I can remember my father bringing in a black and white TV set. I turned it on and there were Laurel and Hardy. I had never heard of them."

He grew up admiring such early TV clowns as Sid Caesar, Steve Allen and Lucille Ball, and "Parenthood" is more in their mainstream mode of comedy than he's used to. The film defies easy labels, although at times it resembles Woody Allen's humour with a more down-

market appeal. "It's not a farce, yet it's not 'Ordinary People'," notes Martin. "It's somewhere in between. In my previous pictures I had elements of both."

The fact that the story humorously examines father-son relationships hit a responsive chord with the actor.

"That relationship came home to me very strongly while we were shooting the picture because my own dad had a heart attack. He has since recovered."

For the first time in almost a dozen movies, in "Parenthood" Martin found himself knee-deep in kids.

"Until this movie I had never been around kids much. So I had always said, 'Gee, it would be great to have kids 8 am to 7 at night, with the weekends off.' But it was fun — really like a circus — so many kids, actors, kid actors, people on the movie and their kids... hundreds of people."

(In fact, the story draws heavily on the real-life family experiences of director Howard, producer Brian Grazer and writers Lowell Ganz and Babaloo Mandel, who have 13 kids among them.) "In bringing up kids," says Martin, "no matter how well-intentioned you are, things get out of control. My character's philosophy was simple: What you put in is what you get out. Obviously, that's not going to always hold true. In the film my character says, although the experience is rough, in the end it's worth it."

When it was all over, Martin said, he didn't rush home to his wife, British actress Victoria Tennant (he met her when they starred together in "All of Me"), and insist upon starting their own family.

He obviously finds the very topic of having his own children an acutely uncomfortable one. "It's too personal," he says, his voice dropping off. "It's such a private question."

He is fiercely protective of every aspect of his private life. He lives in a magnificent home in Santa Barbara,

some 90 miles from Hollywood, filled with antiques and art treasures. His collection of modern art is believed to be one of the best in the country.

Protecting his offscreen life is vital to him. "Otherwise it becomes tabloid stuff," he explains. "My private life is of interest only to me. To expose it makes it cheap. It seems rotten; it just doesn't seem fair."

In 1987 the man known primarily for offbeat comedy took a chance by writing and starring in "Roxanne," an updated version of Cyrano de Bergerac's story of the 17th-century swordsman with the outstanding proboscis. It became his biggest screen success that delighted everyone who saw it.

Many thought Martin should have been nominated for an Oscar for the role. "I think I'm not their (Academy voters') taste," he says simply.

But "Roxanne's" Australian director, Fred Schepisi, was complete won over.

"He's quite wonderfully nutty," Schepisi said. "An American phenomenon. The great thing about Steve is that he's always willing to take chances. He's been changing all the time, refusing to do the same thing."

The success of Martin's two most recent pictures, "Trains, Planes and Automobiles" and "Dirty Rotten Scoundrels," has jettisoned him into the \$5-million-a-picture bracket.

But last year he went back to the stage to star, for a very unstellar salary, in the enigmatic Samuel Beckett's definitely not-funny play "Waiting for Godot." It was less than a rip-roaring success.

Recalls Martin: "When the New York bad reviews came out, audiences just died."

These days he can afford to be choosy about roles.

"There are certain scripts I take I know I can't do at the time, but I know I can figure it out by the time I play them. Then there are other scripts that are just not me. With 'Parenthood' I could see it was me."

### Video Corner

## Hard man with heart of gold

Clint is back

By Shaun Seekins

CLINT EASTWOOD is back and he's doing what he does best: taking it easy and apprehending scumbags. This time he leaves Dirty Harry behind and plays a skip tracer, which as you remember from *Midnight Run* is a well-meaning guy who helps people return when they mistakenly leave town while on bail.

After showing us how resourceful and amusing he is, Clint reluctantly accepts to bring back an attractive young woman (Bernadette Peters) who has jumped bail and run off in her husband's pink Cadillac. While on the way to her sister's house she happens to find a whole stack of money that she believes is counterfeit hidden in the car. But as Cliff discovers when he catches up with her, in fact, it's real and the pair suddenly find themselves pursued by a gang of very tough pseudo soldiers who are faking money to pay for the weapons they need. The money that Cliff has found is the pay-off for the last shipment and they want it back. From now on the action is non-stop as the buddies kidnap the Bernadette's baby and the hero sets off in pursuit. Using the fabulous Cadillac as a battering ram upset me more than the non-stop violence. But it all turns out OK in the end and our hero gets to ride off into sunset. The hard man with a heart of gold is a part that Cliff plays well and he is ably supported by his co-star. He needs a commercial hit as *The Dead Pool* didn't do very well at the box office and Warner Bros are hoping for the best.

A legendary ballplayer, dead almost 40 years, materialises on a baseball diamond built in the middle of an Iowa cornfield. A smalltown doctor who died almost a decade ago shows up looking for a baseball field. A famous author, well-known as a recluse, is taken by force to watch a game and eight professional ballplayers continue the career that was cut short when they were thrown out of organised baseball seventy years ago.

With all these events happening *Field of Dreams* is obviously a fantasy. Based on the acclaimed novel "Shoeless Joe," it is a soft and mysterious story that dispenses with special effects and relies on the viewer's suspending belief and allowing himself to be seduced into "wanting" the events to be real. Kevin Costner plays Ray Kinsella, a struggling Iowa farmer who hears a voice saying, "if you build it, he will come," and after some hesitation plows under part of his cornfield to build a baseball diamond. He has to fight against the scepticism of all except his wife and daughter, but he is convinced that one day "Shoeless Joe Jackson," who was thrown out of baseball for his part in the "Black Box" conspiracy to throw the 1919 World Series, will once again re-appear. And his faith pays off, one



Clint Eastwood and Bernadette Peters in *Pink Cadillac*.



James Belushi and Jerry Lee in *K-9*.

night when Ray and Annie Kinsella are arguing about the unpaid bills, their daughter, Karin says: "Daddy, there's a man out there on your lawn." Sure enough it's Shoeless Joe and Ray walks out and starts to hit a few balls to him. A movie that needs to be appreciated and although it has baseball as a theme it isn't a baseball film but a celebration of a man who also had a dream.

James Belushi plays a tough loner in *K-9*, one of those cops disliked by all his comrades because of his unconventional way of getting results by breaking all the rules. He narrowly escapes being killed while on stakeout duty observing a local drug baron.

His car is wrecked however and when he requests a replacement vehicle it is refused, unless he is prepared to take a partner which he refuses to do. Eventually he works out a compromise, he gets a car but his partner is a large German Shepherd dog trained by the K-9 division of the San Diego police force to sniff out drugs.

The dog, called Jerry Lee, is a loner like Dooley and just as difficult. How their relationship develops, from a clash of wills between the pair, to a grudging respect is the essence of the story and there are some very funny moments mixed up in a straightforward police thriller.

## Brando forced to eat his words

HOLLYWOOD, Sept. 20. (UPI): Marlon, you broke Hollywood's first commandment, you bad-mouthed one of your own pictures.

Marlon, baby, let's talk. Did Warren Beatty tell the world that 'Ishtar' was a brodie of mammoth proportions? Did Dustin Hoffman? No and no. How about Sylvester Stallone? No one heard him warn people away from his flawed 'Rhino-tone'.

It is an unwritten law that movie stars say only good things about their pictures, no matter how horrible they (the movies) may be. There is a written law, usually found in the fine print of an actor's contract.

"It may not say 'Thou shalt not demean this stinker in public,' but studio lawyers generally include a paragraph in which the actor vows fealty and promises to lie about the demerits of his film."

Can you imagine the chaos if stars spoke the truth?

A performer seeking vengeance on his co-star, producer or director could decry a movie as a cataclysmic bomb, an insult to decency, a waste of money and a dirty rotten trick on moviegoers. The consequences would be swift and terrible — the movie wouldn't make money.

Marlon Brando did the unthinkable on Aug. 31 in an interview with the Canadian newspaper the *Globe and Mail*, blasting his latest movie "The Freshman" on his last day of work on location in Toronto.

The 65-year-old Oscar-winning actor let Tri-Star and Columbia Pictures have it right in the chops.

In unburdening himself, Brando said grandly, "I'm retiring. I'm so fed up. This picture, except for the Canadian crew, was an extremely unpleasant experience. I wish I hadn't finished with a stinker."

No one in Hollywood can recall an actor being quite so candid in public.

And that's not all. Brando slurred both New York and Hollywood, the galaxy's twin showbiz meccas.

He said he was fed up with kowtowing to the Hollywood publicity system and that he loathes New York. He said nice things about Canada, though.

"I didn't realise how utterly pleasant it was to be here," he said of Toronto. "I've come from New York, which is a warthog straight from hell. To sing my swan song here is very pleasant. This is my last day. I'm done with this madness. You can't imagine how happy I am."

He didn't sound happy. And neither did the traumatised brass at Tri-Star and Columbia. They issued no public response, but they surely reached for a bicarbonate and the telephone number of their legal departments.

While the studio said nothing to the media, clearly someone — possibly a lawyer — did get in touch with the voluble Brando and the hated Hollywood publicity system suddenly discovered Marlon kowtowing like mad.

On Sept. 11, PMK, a publicity firm based in Hollywood, announced through its warthog straight from hell branch on the East Coast that Marlon Brando had an announcement to make:

"It has been brought to my attention that some remarks that I made in a recent interview with a Canadian newspaper have led to painful misunderstandings on the part of a number of people. It is necessary that I explain some of the matters discussed in that interview inasmuch as I would not want to injure in any way the feelings of those who perhaps might have been discomforted by my remarks."

"I have been of late experiencing some very trying times of a personal nature and it is certain that these feelings caused me to express such a dim view of many things."



Jim Morrison the self-proclaimed Lizard King.

### Music Videos

## Door to fame remains open for The Doors

NEARLY two decades after the death of lead vocalist Jim Morrison, the amazing legacy of The Doors continues to grow. Last year, a new 'Doors and their album catalogue still sells over 250,000 units a year.

Unlike virtually all their mid-60's contemporaries, the Doors managed to avoid the political stances and simplistic hippie attitudes that characterised the music of their day. Morrison's raw sexuality and his persona as

the unpredictable, self-proclaimed, "Lizard King" helped the band create an image that was equal parts beauty, decadence and mysticism — an image that was the catalyst for the band's rapid ascension up the rock ladder, as well as for Morrison's equally quick downfall.

Despite the superficial gloss that distinguished a number of their pop hits, their true virtue rested in their ability to fuse the

most emotive elements of rock, blues and jazz into a sound that was both passionate and defiant. "The Doors" music reflected the rebellious emotions that characterised the turbulent 60s. While their career lasted only five years, the Doors were able to provide the then young medium of rock with a dramatic flair that other groups of their time like the Beach Boys and Beatles could never hope to match.

The timeless quality of this great band can now be discovered by yet another generation of music fans as the "Dance On Fire" video offers you the very best of The Doors. Their presentations from the classic "Light My Fire" to the raucous "Roadhouse Blue" reflected an aura of sensuality and mystery that has made their music as appealing today as when it was first recorded. Running time 65 mts. approx.

Now Dance 1989  
Now Dance '89 is the latest chart-topping video from the Now series, running for about an hour and a half. Now Dance '89 features a selection of 21 tracks including Soul II Soul's "Back To Life", Milli Vanilli's "Blame It On The Rain" and New Kids On The Block's "You Got It." Running time 90 mts. approx. Music videos available at the Video Club, Salamiya Tel: 5724372.

## Wheelchair-bound Hartung uses a gun to paint

ANTIBES, France, Sept. 20. (Reuters): Abstract Painter Hans Hartung, one of the last survivors of a group which revolutionised 20th century art, is still working — with a spray gun.

Regarded as one of the most important abstract artists of the century, Hartung — who will be 85 tomorrow — is grouped with Picasso, Kandinsky, Miro, Klee and Matisse as a pioneer in modern art. He is still working in his studio on the French Riviera despite being confined to a wheelchair. No longer able to wield a paintbrush with the strength necessary to give his huge canvases the force for which they are famous, he paints now with a spray-gun.

The vigour contained in his work contrasts with the frail shrunken figure in the wheelchair. His long,

thick white hair hidden under a cap, his expression intense behind heavily-framed spectacles, he listens to music — mostly Bach — as he works.

Hartung and his Norwegian artist wife Anna-Eva Bergman, who died in 1987, settled in Antibes on their vast property "Le Champ des Oliviers" in 1972.

The house and studios which they designed are built around a swimming pool with a lift which Hartung uses to lower himself into the water for his daily swim.

A specially-adapted car takes him for drives into the mountains and surrounding countryside, which give him inspiration and the opportunity to indulge in his other passion — photography.

Born in Leipzig, Germany, in 1904, Hartung

received a conventional training at art academies in his home town and Dresden, but even as a young man he developed an abstract style. Kandinsky was an early influence.

In 1931, Hartung had a one-man exhibition in Dresden but it was not a success. He spent the next three years on the Spanish island of Minorca.

He returned to Germany but, detesting Nazism, he fled and settled in Paris in 1935, becoming a French citizen eleven years later.

When World War Two broke out he joined the French Foreign Legion, serving in North Africa and later losing a leg as a result of wounds received during fighting around the French town of Belfort in Alsace. He was later awarded the Croix de Guerre, the military medal and the Legion of Honour.

After the war, there was a successful show of his work in Paris in 1947, followed by exhibitions in Europe, the United States, Japan and Latin America.

Hartung's works figure in principal modern art galleries throughout the world. In 1960 he was awarded the Grand Prix de la Venice Biennale, where an entire room of the French Pavilion was devoted to his work. West Germany awarded him the Great Cross of the Order of Merit in 1964.

Many of his works are titled by letters and numbers.

He plans to spend his birthday in the Alsatian town of Colmar where an exhibition of his early work is currently on show.



Hartung poses in his studio in Antibes (Reuters wirephoto)

## EVENTS



**Duo Luna at Sheraton:** The Duo Luna recently started performing at the Kuwait Sheraton's exclusive restaurant the "Ricardo" with their music blending warmly with the atmosphere of the restaurant. Having performed at the Kuwait Sheraton in 1986 the Duo Luna are no strangers to this part of the world having received many favourable comments from our valued clients.

## NIGHT CHEMIST

**Kuwait**  
Al Motawa Pharmacy  
Al Hilali Street, Al Awqaf  
Building, Opposite to the  
Shamian Mosque  
Al Montaser Pharmacy  
Ahmad Al Jaber Street,  
Property of Al Sane

**Hawalli and Nagra**  
Al Kuwait Pharmacy  
Nagra, Qutaiba Street,  
Property of Naser Al Sagabi  
Salma and Rumaithiya  
Al Markaziya Pharmacy  
Amro Bin Al Aas Street, Al  
Asfor Building  
Fahad and Ahmad  
Burqan Pharmacy  
Fahad, Al Sabah Souq,  
Property of Rashid Al Roumi  
Juleeb Shuyookh  
Al Ayoub Pharmacy  
Juleeb Shuyookh, Souq  
Shuyookh Commercial Com-

**Jahra**  
Al Abraj Pharmacy  
Jahra, Daabul Al Khozai  
Street, Opposite to the  
Educational Department

## FRIDAY

**Kuwait**  
Al Jahra Pharmacy  
Fahad Al Salem Street, Al  
Awqaf Building  
Tala Pharmacy  
Al Hilali Street, opposite to  
the Ministry of Education,  
Murqab

**Hawalli and Nagra**  
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Hawalli, Tunis Street, Ali  
Abdullah Shams Al Deen  
Building  
Salma and Rumaithiya  
Al Fida Pharmacy

**Al Hansa Street, Ahmad Al**  
Jarallah Building  
Fahad and Ahmad  
Al Flaj Pharmacy  
Fahad, Makkah Street,  
Near the Safeway  
Farwaniya  
Al Yameen Pharmacy  
Farwaniya, Main Street, Jerri  
Commercial Building  
Jahra  
Al Zahra Pharmacy  
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Market

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also be considered for  
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## CINEMA

**Al Andalus**  
Dragnet  
Salma  
Hall Booked  
Al Hamra  
Wild Force  
Drive-In  
Arabic film  
Al Firdous  
Ganga Tera Desh Mein  
Fahad Open  
Jadugar  
Fahad  
Sona Boo  
Al Jahra  
Arabic film  
Granada  
Nafrat Ki Aandhi  
Sulalikhah  
Hell on the Battle Ground  
Jleeb  
Mahadev  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
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Granada  
Lawless Land  
Sulalikhah  
Mukhi  
Jleeb  
Ghar Ghar ki Kahani  
Ahmadi Drive-In  
Arabic film

## PRAYERS

**Fajr** 4.17 am  
**Zuhr** 11.41  
**Asr** 3.08 pm  
**Maghreb** 5.45  
**Isha** 7.02

**FRIDAY**  
**Fajr** 4.16 am  
**Friday prayers** 11.42  
**Asr** 3.09 pm  
**Maghreb** 5.46  
**Isha** 7.04

## TELEVISION PROGRAMMES

## KTV 1

9.00 Opening and Holy  
Quran  
9.15 Sabah Al Khir News  
and Variety  
9.30 Cartoons  
10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Mawlood Fi Al Waqt  
Al Daye: daily Arabic  
serial (part 12)  
11.05 Achlah Wa Mah: local  
serial (part 7)  
12.00 Sabah Al Khir News  
and Variety  
12.15 Al Hesen: Recreational  
Programme  
(Final Part)  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World Today Via  
Satellite  
1.30 Masrah Al Nojoom:  
variety programme  
3.15 Religious Feature  
3.30 Children Stories: cartoon  
serial  
4.00 Cartoons  
4.30 Al Qodhban: local  
feature film, starring  
Ibrahim Al Sallal,  
Hayat Al Fahad,  
Ghanem Al Saleh and  
Huda Hussain  
6.00 Night Chemists,  
Airlines and Official  
Advertisements  
6.30 Nihayat Saif: Arabic  
serial (part 5)  
7.30 Egypt Message to  
Kuwait  
8.00 Variety  
8.30 Maa Al Islam:  
religious programme  
9.00 Arabic News  
9.45 Wajeda Wa Sameh:  
Arabic serial (part 14)  
10.30 Al Shaytan Yoghani:  
Arabic feature film,  
starring Mahmoud  
Yaseen, Bousi,  
Farooq Al Fishawi,  
Layla Alwi and Salah  
Al Sadani  
12.30 Special Variety  
1.15 News Summary  
1.30 The World Today Via  
Satellite

**FRIDAY**  
9.00 The Opening and Holy  
Quran

## KTV 2

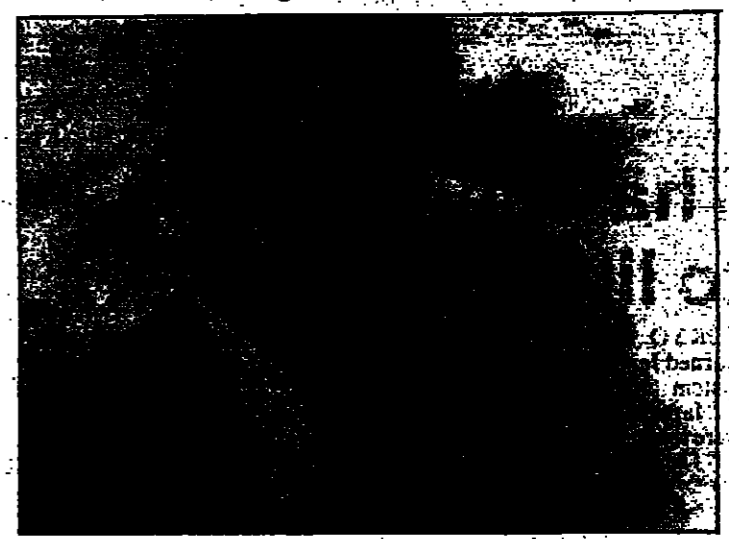
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10.00 Magazine D'Actualite  
10.15 Variety  
10.30 Al Ahadeeth Al Maw-  
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programme, presented  
by Sheikh Salah  
Abu Ismael  
11.00 Live from the Grand  
Mosque for Friday  
Prayers and Speech  
12.30 Alwan: Variety  
Programme, prepared  
by Mohammed Al  
Fares, presented by  
Fatma Abdul Wahab  
1.00 News Summary  
1.05 The World Today Via  
Satellite  
1.30 Friday Break: Variety  
Programme  
3.30 Cartoons  
4.00 Qurbani: Indian  
feature film, starring  
Feroze Khan and  
Zeena Aman  
6.00 Night Chemists,  
Airlines and Official  
Advertisements  
7.00 Kuwait In A Week:  
News programme  
7.30 KTV programme  
preview in a week  
8.15 Popular Variety  
8.40 Hadeeth Al Osboq:  
Religious Programme,  
presented by Sheikh  
Ali Al Jassar  
9.00 Arabic news  
9.45 Wrestling  
10.30 Kalema: Variety  
Programme with guest  
star Yosra  
11.45 News Summary  
11.50 The World Today Via  
Satellite  
12.15 Holy Quran and  
Closdown

6.00 Opening & Holy  
Quran  
6.10 The Real Ghost Bus-  
ters: A cartoon series  
for children  
6.30 Take Hart Boxes: an  
educational program-  
me for children  
7.00 Animals Of The Great  
North West "High

Arctic Close Up": a  
visit to the furthest  
areas in the Arctic  
zone and a look at  
types of animals and  
creatures living  
there...  
7.30 Tand T "Family Hon-  
our" Mr Turner foils  
an attempt made by  
one of the "The Ninja"  
followers to kill a  
young girl who has a  
Japanese sword of his-  
torical value...  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Murder, She Wrote  
8.30 T.V. Bloopers & Prac-  
tical Jokes: a variety of  
unexpected events and  
practical jokes occur  
while actors or actres-  
ses are performing  
their roles and duties...  
10.30 Feature Film: "Three  
Wishes For Jamie".  
12.15 News in Brief  
12.30 Magazine D'Actualite

**FRIDAY**  
6.00 Opening & Holy Quran  
6.10 Silver Hawks: A cartoon  
series for children  
6.30 Inter Bang: Dr. Wil-  
ner, Gianni, Bruno  
and the killer meet  
together in Pizza Air-  
port and the killer suc-  
ceeds in stealing the

seventh copy of the  
tower.  
7.00 Walt Disney: Third  
Man On The Moun-  
tain Part 2  
8.00 News in English  
8.30 Summer 89: Re-  
creational and enter-  
tainment activities  
carried out by the  
Touristic Enterprises  
Company (TEC) in  
various parts of  
Kuwait.  
8.45 Around The World: A  
variety of news, events  
and activities from  
various parts of the  
world.  
9.15 Miami Vice: Fruit Of  
The Passion Tree.  
10.00 Valerie: "Babes In The  
Woods." Valerie  
spends her off-day in a  
picnic with her chil-  
dren where the car and  
camping materials are  
found stolen.  
10.30 Moonlighting: Lunar  
Eclipse. David the  
private detective finds  
that the girl whom he  
loves is married to  
another man and is  
surprised by the  
arrival of her husband.  
11.30 News in Brief  
11.45 Magazine D'Actualite



Moonlighting

## WHAT'S ON

## ARTS

**Kuwait Science Museum**  
OPEN Sat - Wed, 8 - 9 pm  
only. Natural history exhibits  
from in and around Kuwait,  
including blue whale. Closed  
on Thursdays and Fridays.

**Islamic Arts Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12  
noon and 4.00 to 7.00 pm.  
Collection includes rare  
Islamic artefacts, Quranic  
manuscripts, ceramics, carpets  
and marine equipment.

**Tareq Rajab Museum**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12  
noon; 4 to 7 pm; Fridays: 9 am  
to 12 noon. Collection of  
Islamic arts, costumes and  
jewellery from the Muslim  
world.

**Sadu House**  
SAT - Thurs: 9 am to 12  
noon; 4 to 7 pm. Exhibits  
include bedouin handicrafts—  
rugs, saddle bags, cushions and  
textiles. Closed on Friday.

**Watercolour Painting**  
LEARN watercolour paint-  
ing with Patricia Mills, 8 week  
courses for Beginners and  
Advanced for details tel:  
5618847.

**Pottery and Crafts**  
Develop your child's  
creativity in pottery & crafts (8-  
12 yrs old). Also watercolour  
painting and jewellery making  
for adults. For details Tel:  
5618847, 5317354, 9 am - 12  
noon & 4 - 6.30 pm.

## SOCIAL

**Ahmedi Musical Society**  
REHEARSALS for the  
1989/90 season will start on  
Saturday 16th September, at  
7.30 pm at the Kuwait Little  
Theatre, Ahmadi. New singers  
welcome. For further details  
ring 3912384.

**Navellim Youth Centre**  
NOV 16: A annual get-  
together nite with live music  
from "Stepping Stones and  
Top-Ranks" having lots more  
amusements, surprises await-  
ing at Le Mirage ballroom—  
Ramada Al Salam Hotel. Con-  
tact: Mr Alex—2426334, Mr  
Marian—2416945.

**Pakistan Arts Circle**  
A SERIES of programmes is  
being organised by the Pakis-  
tan Arts Circle, which includes  
musical, literary, and  
literary discussions, etc.

Families are most welcome.  
Please register your names on  
Tel. Nos. 5323693, 5717585 or  
4716258.

**Colva Nite**  
OCT 19: Annual Colva Nite  
at New Ballroom of Ramada  
Al Salam Hotel. Top Ranks  
in attendance. For details contact

Tel. 2413884/2434776/56291-  
41/4310913 after 5 pm.

**Contact ladies information**  
Sept. 23: Contact ladies infor-  
mation will be held on Satur-  
day, Sept 23 at 10 am at the  
Messilah Beach Hotel. New-  
comer's welcome. For details  
call: 3720197, 4874513,  
5388103 (Dennis).

**Vienna Boys Choir**  
The Vienna Boys Choir will  
be performing at the Kuwait  
International Hotel on 26th  
September at 8.00 pm in the  
Grand Ballroom. Tickets  
available at the Reception  
counter: 2530000/8040.  
KD8.00 for adults, KD5.00  
for child under 12 years.

**Breeze '89**  
OCT 26: Tivim Centre's—  
Breeze '89 is going to hit the  
floors of Ramada Al Salam  
hotel New Ballroom at a social  
evening organised in com-  
memoration of village festival.  
Top Rank and Stepping Stones  
will provide scintillating music,  
lots of surprises await. For fur-  
ther information pls contact  
the organisers, Casimir or  
Mario on Tel. No. 2441860/67  
after 3.30 pm.

**Filchess chess**  
SEPT 26: The Filipino Chess  
Club in Kuwait (Filchess)  
invites all Filipino Chess en-  
thusiasts to join the first "Active  
Chess Tournament".  
Attractive prizes await the  
lucky winners. Entry forms are  
available at Kabayan Restau-  
rant. Deadline for submis-  
sion of entries is Sept 15. For  
more details contact Edward  
Racaza (2421868, 3402405),  
Chito (2443961) or Jun  
(2409650).

**British Council**  
Around the world with Willy  
Fog: Wednesday, 20 Septem-  
ber at 6 pm, Thursday 21 Sep-  
tember at 10.30 am (52 min).  
This is a charming adaptation  
of Jules Verne's classic novel  
"Around the World in Eighty  
Days", with one major dif-  
ference. All the characters are  
animals. Willy Fog, an elegant  
gentleman, offers a bet of half  
of his fortune that he can go  
around the world in 80 days.  
Accompanied by his French  
valet, Rigodon, and their small  
companion with a big heart,  
Tico, they set off in an incredi-  
ble trip around the world.

**Moods & Melody**  
"Moods & Melody" per-  
forms "Geet Maala"—a  
presentation of pop songs from  
Hindi, Malayalam, Tamil and  
Telugu films—on 12th  
October 1989 at Indian Arts  
Circle auditorium, Funaites  
at 7.00 pm. For more details  
contact Tel: 4338579 and  
2407418, after 4.00 pm.

## Spoken Arabic

The Public Authority for  
Applied Education and Training  
is starting to offer spoken-  
Arabic classes for non-native  
speakers. The programme,  
starting in October 89, is for  
beginners and having interme-  
diate knowledge in colloquial  
conversation. The registra-  
tion will start on 16th  
September, 1989. Those who  
are interested please contact on  
telephone Nos. 2413050 Ext.  
243, 269; 2455860 Ext 454, 455,  
457; 2411383.

**Gala**  
Dec 8: Expatriates Club will  
hold a gala social for children  
and adults at the Tent, SAS  
Hotel. Fifty-five attractive  
hamper prizes and other gifts  
will be given away.

**Konkani drama**  
Nov 2, 3: The new GOA  
presents M. Boyer's "Chint-  
nam Zallim Sopanam" at the  
IAC (Funaites). Cast includes  
the Charlie Chapin of Goa  
"Jacinto Vaz" along with Remy  
Colaco, Seby Coutinho, Betty  
Naz and others. Tickets now  
available. Contact Canary  
Video (Shari) or Video Clock  
(near GPO).

**Pakistan Arts Circle**  
A get-together party will be  
held at the residence of PAC's  
Sr. Vice-President Farooq  
Khan, on Thursday, the 21st  
Sept, 1989 at 8.00 pm.  
Families already registered  
are cordially invited. For fur-  
ther information, please con-  
tact tel. 5323693, 5717585,  
4848643 or 4716258.

**Palarong Pilipino Annual**  
All the winners in the just con-  
cluded Palarong Pilipino  
organised by the Kapisanang  
Pilipino sa Kuwait (Kapilku)  
should submit their pictures on  
or before September 22 to  
Homer L. Mesina, Vice-  
President of Media and Exter-  
nal Affairs and the Chairman  
of the 9th Palarong Pilipino  
Souvenir Programme.

For group, the picture must  
be coloured and the size is  
5"x7" with their officials and  
players and for the individual,  
it must be coloured and the size  
is also 5"x7".  
Sponsors and donors who  
may wish to place ads must  
contact Sarah Macarimbang,  
Vice-President for Social and  
Cultural Affairs at 4843447.

**Kapilku Night**  
The Association of Filipinos in  
Kuwait (Kapilku) will hold  
their Kapilku Night on Friday,  
September 29 in Holiday Inn  
Hotel at 5.00 pm. This singing  
contest is open to all Filipinos  
and the competition is divided  
into two categories, namely,  
Bagong Kampeon (regular sin-  
ging contest) and Sing-Alike.

The first three winners in each  
division will receive valuable  
prizes from the sponsors.  
Interested participants are  
requested to contact VP Sarah  
Macarimbang the chairperson  
at 4843447 and Rod Cerezo at  
2433595, the co-ordinator.

**Free Tailoring Class**  
Kapisanang Pilipino sa Kuwait  
(Kapilku) will hold their free  
tailoring class to all bonafide  
Kapilku members beginning  
Friday, September 22 at Far  
East Restaurant from 9.00 am  
to 12.00 noon. This self-  
improvement course is one of  
the many projects by Kapilku.  
The class will run every Friday  
and end on October 3. All  
materials needed for the class  
are given free to all partici-  
pants. Master cutting,  
Barong Tagalog and executive  
suits will be covered in the  
course. For particulars, please  
contact Sarah Macarimbang  
Vice-President for Social and  
Cultural Affairs at 4843447.

**Overnight picnic**  
THE IAC is planning an  
overnight picnic for members  
to Failaka on October 5th and  
6th. Those interested may con-  
tact Mohan George at 3904817  
after 6.30 pm for enrolment. Or  
Bijili Varghese for details on  
5613908 (R) or 2438011 ext.  
274 (O).

**Nakshi Kathar Maath**  
THE famous Bengali  
musical play "Nakshi Kathar  
Maath"—(The Field of the  
Embroidered Quilt) of Ban-  
gladeshi poet Jashimuddin will  
be staged by Mouchak at  
Starlight Theatre, Doha Entertain-  
ment City on Nov 2 and 3.  
Tel. 5625456, 4893424,  
4744490, 4742656, 4315759,  
3713923, for more details.

**Fiesta Tashra**  
OCT 20: A red letter day for  
stage play Afficionados, The  
Filipino Cultural Club (FCC),  
under the chairmanship of  
Buddy Patungan, proudly  
represents another unique  
innovation of theirs, this time,  
directed by Joey Laurente, the  
energetic "brains" behind the  
sensational SISA. Highlighting  
the intricate interesting life of  
its central character, Austrian  
composer, Wolfgang  
"Amadeus" Mozart. This two  
hour stage play will hold the  
same vibrant, all spirited team  
of the legendary "Fiesta  
Filipina '89".

Featuring Tolis Matig-A, in  
his most dramatic role ever, see  
him play the magnificent figure  
of "Salieri". At the Al Jahra  
Ballroom of Le Meridien  
Hotel, watch the director/  
choreographer of "Fiesta '89"  
turn actor himself in "the saga  
of Amadeus" plus a whole cast  
of lovely and dashing charac-  
ters that FCC has in store for  
you.

## D'Assisi Association

OCTOBER 6: Ninth annual  
Thanksgiving mass will be held  
at the Holy Family Cathedral  
at 8 am followed by a get-  
together after mass. All D'Assi-  
ssi ex-students along with their  
families and friends are invited.  
For more details contact:  
2444379 or 2469811.

## Star Nite

DEC 21: Star Nite at  
Ramada Salam 'Al Dir'a' with  
Perfect Strangers music. Chil-  
dren's programme at 5 pm from  
2-1/2 years to 12 years. Other  
programmes start with sumptu-  
ous buffet. Fabulous hamper  
prizes and variety social enter-  
tainment under 555 sponsor-  
ship. For reservations contact  
tel. (res) 5331940 or 2413706  
pm only.

## HOTELS

**Kuwait Regency Palace**  
WE at the Kuwait Regency  
Palace would like to welcome  
you to our fantastic poolside  
barbecue every Wednesday  
night. Tasty cuisine featuring  
selection of Continental,  
Arabic and Oriental dishes—  
fabulous ambience and long  
cool fruit juices. Give yourself a  
treat. Enjoy an evening out  
with your family and friends.  
For your reservations, dial tel-  
ephone 5728000 extn 6007.

**Kuwait Plaza Hotel**  
NEW menu every day at Al  
Dallah Coffee Shop with  
variety of Oriental, Arabic and  
Continental dishes to suit  
everybody's taste. Enjoy more  
than thirty different appetizers,  
mezzah, main course and des-  
sert. A lavish buffet for  
KD2.995 only. Breakfast with  
a selection of more than 25 dis-  
hes to choose from and savour.  
Eat as much as you can with  
coffee and tea. It is the break-  
fast you like most for 995  
only.

**MARCO POLO:** The Italian  
Restaurant in the heart of the  
city, features authentic Italian  
food with our resident Duo  
Stan and Alice who play your  
favourite songs and music.  
Experience a special dinner on  
candlelight with your favourite  
food cooked before you in real  
Italian ambience.

**Kuwait International**  
Afternoon Tea: Served at La  
Patisserie from 3 pm to 6 pm.  
Offers the finest teas, delicious  
salmon and cucumber sand-  
wiches, mouth watering pastries  
and not to forget those  
delicious scones, strawberry  
jam and lovely fresh cream.  
Pianist and harpist in the even-  
ings.

Perrier Promotion: For that  
tingling taste one can try  
Perrier Lemon, Perrier Lime,  
Perrier Lime and fresh kiwi

juice, Perrier and apple juice as  
a variety of other creations.  
Served all the outdoor...  
Failaka: Daily Chef's Special  
for lunch and dinner. Special  
mezzah buffet on Thursday  
evenings. Live entertainment  
during dinner.

**La Palma:** Presents a culi-  
nary trip around the world  
featuring authentic Chinese,  
Indian, Mexican, African,  
Italian, British, German/Aus-  
trian, Turkish and Arabic dis-  
hes. Theme nights on Satur-  
days and Tuesdays. Telephone:  
2530000/2533000.

**SAS**  
Al Ghazzer: Take the unique  
opportunity and experience the  
old Kuwaiti seafaring tradi-  
tions. Have an exhilarating trip  
on our superb dhow "Al  
Ghazzer." Available for full  
day and half day trip along the  
Gulf coastline. For bookings,  
please call up 5657000 ext 416.

**Al Boom:** Come on board Al  
Boom and have a feast. Try our  
freshly baked Arabic bread,  
extensive mezzah buffet and  
wide selections of grilled items  
or take your pick from our daily  
Al Boom specials. Take your  
della coffee and relax at the  
divania or enjoy a puff at the  
hubble bubble pipe. For re-  
servations, please call up  
5657000 ext. 403 and 540.

**Peacock Room:** visit the Far  
East with SAS, visit our  
Peacock Room. Offers wide  
varieties of delectable Chinese  
specialties. Open for lunch and  
dinner daily. For reservations  
pls call 5657000 ext 403 or 532.  
Bistretto: Have a taste of  
Italy. Visit the Bistretto, SAS  
hotel's specialty restaurant.  
Offers great tasting pastas,  
pizzas and other Italian  
favourites. Continental and  
international are also available.  
Open for breakfast, lunch and  
dinner. We also have brunch  
every Friday.

**Clock:** Drive through the  
Clock and order your choice  
fast food items. Juicy burgers,  
chicken tikka, crispy French  
fries and lots of other items we  
can serve you on the dot.

**At the Holiday Inn**  
AT the coffee shop: A variety  
of continental and oriental  
cuisine to suit everyone's taste  
for lunch or dinner at KD5.00  
per pax and half price for chil-  
dren.

**Al Andalus:** Thursday,  
Arabian night. Savour the  
exotic food especially prepared  
for the night. Our local enter-  
tainers provide wonderful  
music.

Family brunch: Friday, a  
wholesome day for the chil-  
dren. Bring along your kid and  
enjoy entertainment from Walt  
Disney cartoon characters and  
magic by the great magician.  
Prizes and surprises awaits

each kid... Price: KDS.000 for  
adults, and half per kid.  
At the swimming pool: From  
8-30 pm have a great night out  
by the pool to soothe the sum-  
mer heat. Barbecue, music,  
games, prizes and surprises  
awaits each one. Bring your  
family 'n friends 'n savour our  
delicious Sharazad barbecue,  
at KD5.500 per pax and  
KD2.750 per child.

**Meridien**  
OUR new Versailles menu: The  
Versailles Restaurant cele-  
brates the new season with an  
exciting new a la Carte menu  
featuring delicious new seafood  
dishes and always the great  
value business. Enjoy a truly  
elegant and dining experience  
with the fine cuisine and atmos-  
phere. International music is  
provided by Jo Lee a veritable  
One Woman Band is guaran-  
teed to help to make a dinner at  
the Versailles truly a night to  
remember.

**La Brasserie:** New menu at  
the La Brasserie... definitely  
worth the wait. The new a la  
Carte menu at the La Brasserie  
features a terrific choice of  
appetizer, entree and dessert. In  
addition to a lavish buffet with  
different starters, various hot  
dishes and mouthwatering des-  
serts. And remember the buffet  
changes daily for the guests.

**Every Saturday Thai corner:**  
Enjoy genuine Thai cuisine at  
the La Brasserie. The Thai Cor-  
ner features a variety of great  
authentic dishes in addition to  
the restaurant's regular lavish  
buffet.

**Every Sunday cowboy night:**  
Taste the Texas fare at the La  
Brasserie no compromise with  
this salute to the US includes  
live foot tappin' country and  
Western music plus decor cos-  
tumes and ambience with more  
than a touch of the real Wild  
West.

**Every Wednesday the**  
Indonesian corner: Enjoy some  
of the country's best loved dis-  
hes at the La Brasserie in ad-  
dition to the regular Brasserie  
buffet.

**Every Thursday evening the**  
jazz night: Tuck in in the tempo  
... experience an evening of the  
great jazz sound in jam session  
at the La Brasserie featuring  
delicious seafood buffet with  
that catch of the day freshness  
plus a range of local and inter-  
national dishes.

**Every Friday family lunch:**  
Friday equals family fun only  
at La Brasserie... lavish buffet  
... live entertainment toys and  
gifts for the children and even  
some real magic.

Achieving new heights in  
good taste: New menu at Al  
Fintas Club, super choice of  
low calories snacks, sand-  
wiches and salads with tasty, good  
health appeal, especially when  
preceded by a few laps in the

swimming  
pool.  
At the swimming pool: Stay  
on top and stay cool with our  
"milkshake promotion". As  
from the 17th to the 28th Sept  
there will be lots of variety of  
delicious milkshake flavours:  
mango, chocolate, banana, straw-  
berry... there can a little  
more refreshing on a scorching  
summer day than a mouth-  
watering milkshake whipped  
up Meridien style why not  
make it a daily treat.

**Al Waha palace:** Pasta  
promotion at Al Waha palace  
at the Sallia Commercial Com-  
plex till the 26th Sept pasta for-  
night. Enjoy a La Carte and  
daily special pasta dishes like  
fettuccine, ravioli, tortellini,  
salad pasta, and more. Dis-  
cover why pasta is Italy's  
national dish while enjoying Al  
Waha's pavement where you  
can watch the world go by while  
experiencing the superb cuisine  
and gracious service that  
typifies Meridien.

## SPORTS

**Boys Own Club**  
Boy's Own Club are happy to  
announce that entries are open  
for the 5th Annual Seven-A-  
Side Football Festival to be  
held on 12th October 1989, at  
Sour Ghyrd.

This tournament has been  
sponsored by Tony White, gen-  
eral manager of M/S Kuwaiti  
British Ready Mix Co.  
Teams wishing to enter this  
tournament can, contact Joe  
D'Souza on Tel. 4813622/25  
ext. 147.

**Football League**  
Anybody interested in join-  
ing a soccer league, preferably  
already belonging to a team,  
please call Bob or Alan on  
5386444.

**Kuwait Nomads R.F.C.**  
(Rugby Football Club). We  
are looking for wings... props,  
centres or any other positions  
to join the Gull's most success-  
ful team. Training is on Sunday  
and Tuesday 7.00 - 9.00 pm.  
For details/directions phone  
Graham Adams at 5644533 or  
Steve Hutchinson at 3721540.

**Nritha Sree**  
NRITHA Sree an Indian  
dancer school, based in Ahmadi  
and mainly dedicated to the  
promotion of Indian classical  
dances, is planning to organise  
a dance programme at the  
Indian Arts Circle, Funaites,  
on Sept 29 at 6.30 pm. Free  
passes are available at the  
Indian Arts Circle office.

**Kuwait Nomads (R.F.C.)**  
FIRST domestic game of  
season today 3.30 at Ahmadi.  
Training continues on Sunday  
and Tuesday at 7.00 pm.  
Details from S. Hill (5391720)  
or G. Adams (5644533).

# BUSINESS & FINANCE

## Sheikh Ali for Geneva

Oil could last 200 years

KUWAIT, Sept. 20. (Agencies): The Minister of Oil Sheikh Ali Khalifa leaves here tomorrow heading a delegation to Geneva where he will attend the meetings of Opec's ministerial committee formed to monitor prices and production of oil.

Government sources told Kuna that the minister will also attend the meetings of Opec's council of governors which will discuss new changes and regulations on the organisation's secretariat.

The Kuwaiti delegation will include Kuwait's permanent envoy to the UN in Geneva Dr. Salem Jaber Al Ahmad, Kuwait's Ambassador to Austria Abdelhamid Al Awadi, chairman of the board of Kuwait Oil Tankers Company and officials representing other oil institutions, according to the sources.

Meanwhile, Qatari Oil Minister Sheikh Abdul Aziz bin Khalifa Al Thani flew to Geneva today to attend Opec's ministerial committee meeting on Saturday, the Qatari News Agency said.

The committee groups Saudi Arabia, Iran, Iraq, Kuwait, Venezuela, Algeria, Nigeria and Indonesia. Other Opec members, including Qatar, are expected to attend as observers.

According to the Opec news agency the meeting has a mandate to raise Opec's current daily output ceiling of 19.5 million barrels.

Saudi Arabian Oil Minister Hisham Nasser, recovering from a gall bladder operation in the United States, will not attend an Opec meeting in Geneva, Saudi Oil Ministry officials said.

Minister of State Omar Abdulhader Fagih would attend Opec's price monitoring committee as acting Oil Minister, the officials, in the kingdom, said by telephone.

In another development Arab states have over 60 per cent of the world's proven oil reserves of 990.8 billion barrels, which could last 200 years, the United Arab Emirates Oil Ministry magazine Petroleum and Industry said.

The latest estimate estimated Arab reserves at around 600 billion barrels of which 589 billion were in Organisation of Arab Oil Exporting Countries (Opec).

It saw Saudi Arabia's reserves of 252.3 billion rising to 315 billion and UAE's reserves of around 98 billion to 168 billion, but it did not say when that time limit. The magazine did not say on what it based its figures.

North Sea oil production rose by an average of just 80,000 barrels a day to 3.561 million barrels per day in August, as UK output recovered slowly than expected, according to report.

## Thatcher tells Japan lift trade barriers

Sept. 20. (AP): British Prime Minister Margaret Thatcher today told Japan to lift trade barriers to protect the world free trade system.

"The economic miracle was made possible because the rest of us kept our markets open to Japan," Thatcher said. "It allowed the Japanese to produce so efficiently that they sold freely in the markets of other industrialised countries."

She told Japanese businessmen at a sponsored by the Federation of Economic Organisations that free trade should "not be taken for granted." Thatcher said trade restrictions that she said make it "hard, even impossible, to import Japanese goods."

Thatcher said Japan should do more to lift trade barriers by: "giving higher priority to consumers."

"making 'closed' retail distribution systems and restrictions on all stores that inhibit free market competition."

"giving quotas and subsidies in the farm market, where prices for commodities are several times world market prices."

"giving consumer attitudes toward imports and subsidising its industries."

Thatcher said she would like to see more Japanese firms, such as Toyota, Honda, Nissan, and others, to gain permanent membership in the World Trade Organisation.

Thatcher told Japanese executives that much of their success was due to the "help, encouragement and protection of the United States — most generous nations — in the years after the Second World War."

She said harsh US legislation calling for sanctions against Japan to maintain unfair trade practices risks igniting "an era of fit-for-fat bilateral deals, with their barriers and cosy relations."

She called for strengthening the multilateral trade system through the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade, the Geneva-based organisation established to protect free trade.

Thatcher came to Japan to attend a conference of the International Democratic Union, a group of conservative political parties from 26 nations.

Her conservative government has aggressively sought to attract job-generating Japanese investment to areas in Britain suffering from a decline in traditional industries such as coal mining and shipbuilding.

## Dollar wanes, gold up

LONDON, Sept. 20. (AP): The US dollar declined in European trading as dealers worried about a possible West German interest rate hike. Gold rose sharply.

Saturday's meeting of financial officials from the Group of Seven industrial countries added to traders' qualms.

At 1600 GMT, the dollar was quoted at 1.9400 Deutsche marks, down from 1.9500 marks late Tuesday in London.

"There is distinct nervousness about a German rate hike," said the chief dealer at a US investment bank in Frankfurt, West Germany. If the Germans do nothing, he said, the dollar is likely to bounce back on Thursday but only to around 1.9550 marks.

The market also trembled at the thought that participants in Saturday's G-7 meeting might express concern over the dollar's recent strength. The dollar tested the 2.00-mark level late last week, before dropping to 1.9350 marks Friday.

In Tokyo, the dollar rose 0.52 yen to a closing 146.25 yen. Later, in London, it dipped to 145.55 yen.

Other late dollar rates compared with late Tuesday:

■ 1.6800 Swiss francs, down from 1.6870

■ 6.5585 French francs, down from 6.5875

■ 2.1890 Dutch guilders, down from 2.2000

■ 1.399.30 Italian lire, up from 1.406.50

■ 1.1824 Canadian dollars, down from 1.1833

In London, the pound traded at \$1.5820, compared with \$1.5720 late Tuesday.

Gold traded late in London at a bid price of \$363.25 an ounce, compared to \$360.50 a troy ounce late Tuesday.

In Zurich, the closing bid price was \$363.50 compared with 360.50 late Tuesday.

In Hong Kong, gold fell 34 cents to close at a bid \$361.42 per troy ounce.

Silver was quoted in London at a bid price of \$5.13 a troy ounce, up from Tuesday's 5.09.

## Trade pact hailed

WARSAW, Sept. 20. (Reuters): Poland and the European Economic Community signed their first trade agreement yesterday and hailed it as a step towards intense economic co-operation and the breakdown of East-West barriers.

"It is an essential step leading towards the breaking of the divisions of Europe," Polish Foreign Minister Krzysztof Skubiszewski said after signing the pact, which commits the EEC to lift import restrictions over the next five years.

EEC trade and external relations commissioner Frans Andriessen and French Foreign Minister Roland Dumas signed the agreement with Skubiszewski and Foreign Trade Minister Marcin Swiechicki.

Poland was the fourth East bloc country to sign an accord with the EEC after Romania, Czechoslovakia and Hungary, the official news agency PAP said.

"The signing of this agreement in Poland opens new paths to intense and promising co-operation between the European Economic Community and Poland," Dumas told a news conference.

## Tax concessions to stimulate inflow of foreign exchange

# Investment reallocation needed: Singh

By M.C. Bose  
Business editor

TO accelerate growth during the Eighth Plan, investment in India will have to undergo a substantial reallocation between public and private sector, between industry and agriculture and between domestic consumption and exports, according to Ramesh Singh, President, Federation of Indian Chambers of Commerce and Industry (Ficci).

Explaining the rationale of the new direction to the investment pattern, the Ficci president told the Arab Times in a telephone interview, there is a strong need to give a new direction to the pattern of investment in India during the 8th Plan.

The investment pattern should be governed by the resources that are most productively utilised with a view to reduce incremental capital output ratio (ICOR); that the economy is liberated from the vagaries of the monsoon; the export promotion is made a part of the production planning.

Keeping the above factors in view, the investment in industrial activities should largely be left to the private sector which has used resources more efficiently compared to the public sector.

On the other hand, public sector should concentrate on the development of infrastructure sector including power, transport, telecommunications and ports and also creation of larger irriga-

tion potential and its effective utilisation, Singh said.

The Finance Ministry is disinclined to permit running Indian companies to issue shares or convertible debentures to international financial agencies or foreign venture capital funds.

In fact, with the globalisation of financial markets, India's capital market can hardly afford to remain isolated. The internationalisation of our capital market becomes all the more necessary in the present situation when Indian companies have to tap larger foreign resources to make up the shortfall in their resources mobilisation within the country.

The Ficci president said: "I, therefore, personally feel that Indian companies should be permitted to float shares and convertible debentures in the international market, depending upon the purpose for which such shares or debentures are issued."

The tax concessions proposed in the direct tax laws (Second Amendment) Bill, 1989, introduced in Parliament last month, for promoting investment by Non-Resident Indians (NRIs) are, no doubt, welcome. This would encourage the inflow of foreign exchange which is needed to improve balance of payment and sustain a steady and high rate of economic growth. The major tax incentives proposed in the bill relate to: computation of capital gains and deduction of tax at source on interest payments to NRIs.

As per the proposed amendment, capital gains in case of NRIs will be calculated by taking into account the cost price and sale price of shares in foreign currency in which the investment was made. Such a practice will not only reduce the complications in the computation of capital gains but also lower the tax liability for NRI investment in shares. Presently, such computations are based on the value of shares in Indian rupees. With sharp depreciation of rupee against major currencies of the world, the tax liability on capital gains calculated in terms of rupee goes up substantially.

Singh said the other welcome amendment relates to the deduction of tax at source on interest payments to NRIs by government, public sector banks and public financial institutions. The bill provides that such deduction would now be made only at the time of payment instead of at the time of credit of such income.

This would prove to be a significant incentive for NRIs as it would enable them to earn interest on the amount of tax to be deducted at source till the period it is paid. Under the existing provision in the event of tax deduction at source at the time of credit of interest income NRIs lose interest.

The fiscal incentives proposed for shipping companies, however, would be available to NRIs as well as resident Indians who would be entering into this area. The concessions are, no doubt, very

significant. These companies will now be allowed the facility of full deduction of an amount not exceeding the total income for tax purposes, provided the amount is credited to a reserve account which will have to be utilised by the shipping company within a period of 8 years for acquiring a new ship for any other business except distribution of dividends or profits, remittance outside India as profit or creation of assets outside India.

The deduction facility would be available only upto an amount equivalent to twice the paid-up share capital of the shipping company (excluding amounts capitalised from reserves). The investment in new shares of shipping companies will also be allowed deduction to the extent of 50 per cent of investment.

The direct tax laws (Second Amendment) Bill does not contain any amendment of wealth tax and gift tax acts in respect of NRIs.

What in fact, has been provided in the Bill is the change of rules for valuation of equity shares for purposes of wealth-tax. This, however, applies not only to NRIs but also to Resident Indians. As per the proposed amendment, asset value will be given an option to take average of 5 years quoted prices as value of the shares or the market price as on March 31 of the preceding year relevant to the assessment year.

As regards the valuation of unquoted

shares in the case of investment companies, it has been proposed to take book value of the assets shown in the balance sheet instead of determining the value of each and every asset on the basis of different relevant rules applicable to that asset. The proposed amendment will reduce the wealth tax liability of the assessee.

The bill proposes a significant amendment permitting NRIs to stay in India for a period of 150 days against the present limit of 60 days, without losing their 'Non-Resident' status.

This relaxation in the criterion for determining the residential status will facilitate NRIs to stay in India for a longer period and, thus, help them to conduct their business in connection with investment in industry and other direct investment.

Substantial reallocation of investible resources between public and private sectors will definitely have to be made in order to accelerate the rate of economic growth during the 8th Plan period. This has already been appreciated by the government.

During the 8th Plan, private sector has been assigned a greater role. This is reflected in larger share of this sector in total investment envisaged for the 8th Plan. For instance, out of total investment of Rs.6,500 billion to achieve 6 per cent annual growth in GNP, private sector would account for nearly 54 per cent which would be larger than in the 7th Plan.

Move to correct trade surplus

## Tax incentives to boost imports

TOKYO, Sept. 20. (AP): Japan's Trade Ministry is considering tax incentives for companies that boost imports as a way to correct its \$52 billion trade surplus with the United States, officials said today.

"We realise that Japan accounts for half of the total US trade deficit and therefore we are trying to vigorously increase our imports," Yuzuru Hatakeyama, of the Ministry of International Trade and Industry told reporters.

Hatakeyama, director-general of the International Trade Policy Bureau, said the ministry is considering a plan to grant special tax incentives for importers.

During Japan's industrial buildup after its defeat in World War II, incentives granted to exporters allowed them to reduce their taxes by from 1 per cent to 3 per cent of the value of their exports. The system was discontinued in 1964.

Hatakeyama said the government is considering a similar system to promote imports. The tax breaks would not extend to importers of raw materials, he said.

## Fire still blazing

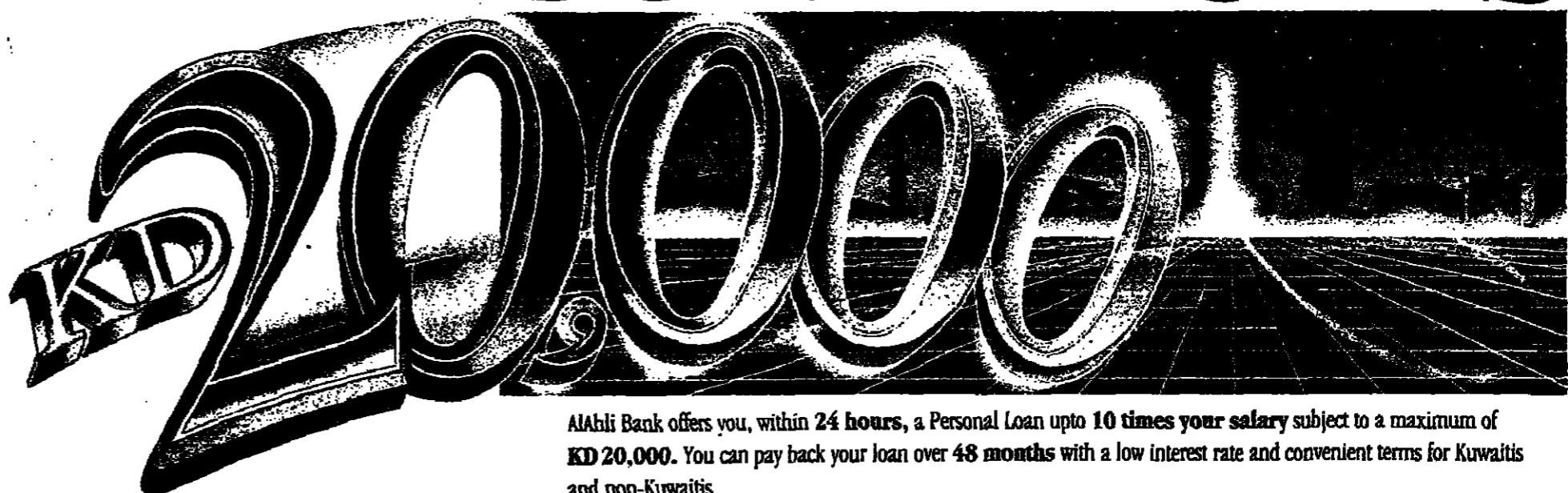
BEIJING, Sept. 20. (Reuters): Three thousand workers and firemen are battling a fierce fire at a well in the Jiangnan oilfield in central China, a journalist at the province's newspaper the Hubei Daily said today.

Speaking by telephone from Wuhan, he said oil-fire experts had been called to the field, where the fire broke out on Saturday shooting flames 60 metres (190 feet) into the air. He said the flames were now only 30 metres (95 feet) high.

He said there had been no deaths or injuries in the fire and that damage had been estimated provisionally at more than one million yuan (\$270,000). The cause of the fire was unknown.

Sunday's Hubei Daily, received in Beijing today, said the fire broke out at 5:45 am on Saturday (2145 GMT Friday) and within 30 minutes consumed the derrick, but the 10 men working on it escaped.

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## Seoul to buy Canadian nuclear reactor

Crosbie in South Korea on trade promotion tour

SEOUL, South Korea, Sept. 20. (AP) South Korea told Canada today it will buy an advanced Canadian-built nuclear reactor that will cost up to \$1.2 billion, the Trade and Industry Ministry said.

Officials said the decision was conveyed today when Canadian International Trade Minister John Crosbie met with South Korean Trade and Industry Minister Han Seung-Soo for trade talks in Seoul.

Atomic Energy of Canada Ltd and the state-run Korea Electric Power Co are expected to begin negotiations soon on supply terms, the officials said.

Atomic Energy of Canada, backed by the Ottawa government, has been working for years to sell a pressurised heavy water reactor to Keppo. The Canadian company sold one of the reactors, with a 678,000-kilowatt

capacity, to South Korea in 1984. Officials at the Energy and Natural Resources Ministry said the second Canadian-built reactor will be used for a power plant to be built in Wolsong, south of Seoul, where the existing Canadian-built nuclear power plant is.

Construction on the new plant is to begin in late 1991 for completion by mid-1997, they said.

The second Wolsong plant will cost an estimated \$1.2 billion but officials declined to say how much the Canadian firm would receive and how much would go to South Korean subcontractors. The cost estimate includes the reactor plus all other construction and site costs.

Keppo now operates eight nuclear power plants — six built by the United States, one by Canada and one by France. One more plant, built by France, is

expected to go into operation later this month.

Crosbie arrived yesterday on a five-day trade promotion tour, accompanied by senior executives of 11 Canadian companies, including Atomic Energy of Canada.

Today, Crosbie also signed a bilateral air services agreement when he called on Foreign Minister Choi Ho-Joong. The accord allows Air Canada and Korean Air to open air routes linking Seoul with Vancouver and Toronto.

KAL already operates two flights a week to the two Canadian points.

In their meeting at the Trade and Industry Ministry, Crosbie and Han agreed that the two countries would hold two days of talks in Seoul next week on Canada's ban on Korean drift-net

fishing in the north Pacific to preserve fishery resources, including salmon. Korean officials said.

Crosbie also asked S. Korea to buy more Canadian farm products like beef, wheat, barley and alfalfa and also speed up approval of requests by Canada's manufacturer's life insurance company and four banks to open branches in Korea. The Korean side was reported to have responded favourably.

Crosbie promised to study Korea's requests that Canada extend preferential tariff privileges to imports from S. Korea and also ease or abolish import quotas on S. Korea textiles and stop levying anti-dumping duties on 16 other S. Korean products, S. Korean officials said.

Delegation leaves for Washington

## Egypt to push ahead elusive IMF accord

CAIRO, Sept. 20. (Reuters): A top-level Egyptian delegation leaves for Washington tomorrow hoping to push ahead an elusive pact with the International Monetary Fund (IMF) which seems once again to be slipping out of Egypt's hands.

Egypt needs IMF approval of its economic reform programme before Cairo can reschedule some of its heavy foreign debt, totalling about \$50 billion, and lure foreign investment back to the country.

But foreign and local experts say IMF demands which include exchange rate reform and a rise in interest rates are proving big sticking points than expected.

Prospects for an early accord, which this summer looked promising, have receded and Egypt could face a tough winter before a pact is signed.

"It now looks as if all the

euphoria people felt in June was a bit premature," one economist said.

A government official said Finance Minister Mohammed Al Razaz, Minister for International Co-operation Maurice Makramallah and Planning Minister Kamal Ganzouri would go to Washington for the annual IMF and World Bank meeting.

The team has been given instructions by President Hosni Mubarak on talks with IMF officials on the fringes of the meeting, another official said.

Only a few months ago, even the IMF was saying it was optimistic about reaching an accord after Egypt announced plans to slash its budget deficit this year — the key IMF demand.

Egypt has begun to unravel its tortuous system of multiple

exchange rates and started to phase out an artificially low rate which acts as a hidden subsidy on essential imports.

But it is resisting IMF pressure to reform the exchange rate quickly, fearing economic discontent rumbling under the surface could erupt into full-scale riots.

In 1977 a rise in the price of bread sparked riots across the country, while discontent at low wages helped fuel rioting by police conscripts in 1986.

Cairo has also refused an IMF demand that interest rates should rise gradually to meet the rate of inflation.

Economists are now saying Egypt may have to wait until next January or February to get an IMF accord.

But its ability to hang on without fresh foreign or local invest-

ment to restore its flagging economy will be sorely tested as grumbling gets louder about low wages, rising prices and food shortages.

By mid-November Egypt could also be hit again by the so-called "Brook Amendment," a provision in US foreign assistance legislation which prohibits fresh aid to countries which are more than one year behind in their debt repayments.

Egypt managed to stave off the effects of the Brook Amendment early this year by patching up a deal which allowed it to meet certain US debt repayments. But a special fund set up to make the payments will in theory run out by mid-November.

Cairo will then have to find tens of millions of dollars each month to make the repayments or lose US aid money.

## Currency rates

KUWAIT, Sept. 20. (Kuna): Following are the international currency rates as quoted by local banks and announced by the Central Bank of Kuwait, today.

	Buying	Selling
US dollar	0.25992	0.30107
Sterling	0.46862	0.47268
Dm.	0.15298	0.15416
S. fr.	0.17652	0.17799
F. fr.	0.04528	0.04567
It. lira	0.0002125	0.0002138
Jap. yen	0.0020333	0.0020657
Bh. dinar	0.78522	0.78912
UAE dh.	0.08164	0.08201
S. riyal	0.07993	0.08032
Q. riyal	0.08235	0.08277
O. riyal	0.77870	0.78241

## EXCHANGE RATE

Indian rupee	17.980
Sri Lankan rupee	7.620
Pakistani rupee	14.400
Bangladesh taka	9.240
US dollar	30075
Pound sterling	47700
Deutsche mark	15530
UAE dirham	08185
Japanese yen	002083

## Poland opens debt talks

Immediate deal unlikely

PARIS, Sept. 20. (Reuters): Poland's new government opened talks today with the Paris Club of creditor nations but no immediate agreement was expected on rescheduling more than \$20 billion of its foreign debt.

"This is rather a tentative first meeting after a new cabinet was formed," an East European source close to the talks said.

Headed that a delegation from the International Monetary Fund and World Bank had just visited Poland and it was necessary to discuss with the Paris Club recent actions by the IMF, the European Economic Community and July's economic summit of major industrialised countries.

The one-day talks began as Witold Trzeciakowski, Polish minister without portfolio, said that the introduction of a market economy in Poland next year could mean one in three workers losing their jobs.

The state would guarantee a minimum income with unemployment benefits and ensure retraining, but international credits would be needed, he told a French business daily in an interview.

Trzeciakowski, chairman of the Economic Council drawing up Poland's reforms, told the Tribune de L'Economie that the new government was aiming to

create the conditions allowing market forces to function by January 1990.

A stock exchange and private banking system would be set up, small and medium-sized companies privatised and the status of large state firms gradually altered, he said.

The minister was speaking in Poland before leaving for Washington where he will take part in negotiations with the IMF and World Bank on new credits and an economic adjustment programme.

Poland has a total foreign debt of around \$39 billion, some two-thirds of it owed to the Paris Club of Western nations.

The Paris Club does not normally reschedule debts until the debtor agrees an economic reform programme with the IMF.

Until recently, Poland had not given the servicing of its debt to Western creditors a high priority, and some analysts put payments owing for 1988 alone at \$500 million.

But in May the then government changed its stance and it was reported to be prepared to pay the \$600 million owed to the Paris Club in 1989.

Since then, leading industrialised nations have pledged to help the democratisation process under way in Poland with economic assistance.

## Jaguar shares soar Tokyo share prices

LONDON, Sept. 20. (UPI): Shares in Jaguar PLC soared by more than 11 per cent in early trading on the London International Stock Exchange today, following a move by Ford of Europe to acquire a major stake — and possibly take over — the British luxury car maker.

By 1 pm investors had traded more than 12 million shares in Jaguar, pushing it up 52p (81.6 cents) to 519p (\$8.14) in expectation of a dramatic takeover battle between Ford and its American rival General Motors for the faltering Jaguar.

Today's increase followed a 62p jump on Tuesday. Since Ford's announcement that it will seek an initial 15 per cent stake in Jaguar, which is seen by industry-watchers as a prelude to a full-scale bid attempt, Jaguar's shares have risen by 114p (\$1.79) or 28 per cent.

Jaguar last week reported sharply reduced profits for the first half of this year, reflecting a deterioration in the US market.

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Ajinomoto	2750
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Amada	1960
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Asahi Glass	1240
C. Itoh Co.	982
Canon Inc.	1780
Casio Computer	1410
Dai Nippon Printing	2310
Daiichi Seiyaku	3030
Dainippon Pharmaceut	2810
Daisinku Corp	1810
Eisai	2380
Fanuc Ltd.	7120
Fuji Photo Film Co.	4370
Fujitsu Ltd.	1540
Hitachi Credit	1930
Hitachi Ltd.	1870
Hitachi Koki	1530
Hitachi Metal	1550
Honda Motor	1950
Ito-Yokado Co., Ltd.	4460
Kajima Corporation	2080
Kawasaki Heavy Ind.	1070
Kobe Cast Iron Works	970
Kokusai Elec.	3010
Komatsu Ltd.	1210
Kyocera Corporation	3350
Matsushita Comm. Ind.	2970
Matsushita Electric	2310
Mazda Motor Corp.	1060
Mitsubishi Corporation	1540
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Mitsubishi Heavy Ind.	1140
Mitsui Real Estate	2570
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Mochida Pharmaceutical	3810
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Fruitful co-operation

## GM - Alghanim mark 40 successful years

BASSAM ALGHANIM, President of Alghanim Industries and Dale R. Hermiller, President of GMOC (General Motors Overseas Distribution Corporation), hosted a press luncheon on September 17, to honour the 40 year anniversary of a very successful relationship between Alghanim and General Motors.

Dale Hermiller presented Bassam Alghanim with a commemorative award to mark the 40-year anniversary of General Motors and Alghanim. Hermiller spoke of the strong bond that exists between GM and Alghanim and looked forward to its continued strength.

Editors-in-chief of all local publications attended.

Hermiller and Alghanim answered questions about the General Motors and Alghanim relationship, the 1990 new cars and plans for further co-operation.

Here are some highlights of the event.

■ 41 years ago, shortly after the discovery of oil and 13 years before Kuwait became independent, Yusuf A. Alghanim introduced GM to Kuwait.

■ In 1949 Alghanim was appointed as a GM dealer.

■ In 1952 Alghanim sold 1,000 cars from its one and only showroom during a time when labour, raw materials and even water were imported.

■ In early days there was no harbour, ships stayed off-shore and cars were unloaded onto barges which were then beached.

■ In 1955, because of scarcity of labour, Yusuf A. Alghanim flew to Japan and brought back a team of mechanics. Because of the language barrier, he exchanged them one year later for a Greek team — they were to handle new car preparation/delivery service.

■ In 1964 Alghanim pioneered consumer finance in Kuwait.

■ In 1970 Alghanim built a large garage and parts warehouse in Shuwaikh and introduced vehicle leasing and rental business.

■ In 1973 Alghanim computerised and installed a management control system.

■ In 1977 Alghanim formed its own insurance company, and sold over 17,000 GM vehicles.

■ In 1978 Alghanim founded its own advertising company, started trade-in operations and used car sales, and moved into the supermarket-type showroom like Al Rai and Fahaheel showrooms.

■ Alghanim are franchise holders of 11 GM divisions and have acquired expertise in marketing, sales, and service of American, Japanese, European and Brazilian vehicles.

■ In 1984 Alghanim had the "Dealer Communication System" installed, (on-line system with GM, Detroit).

■ In 1986 Alghanim opened a new GM showroom at its corporate head office. Al Maqsoora is a specialised showroom offering special after sales services for GM luxury vehicles.

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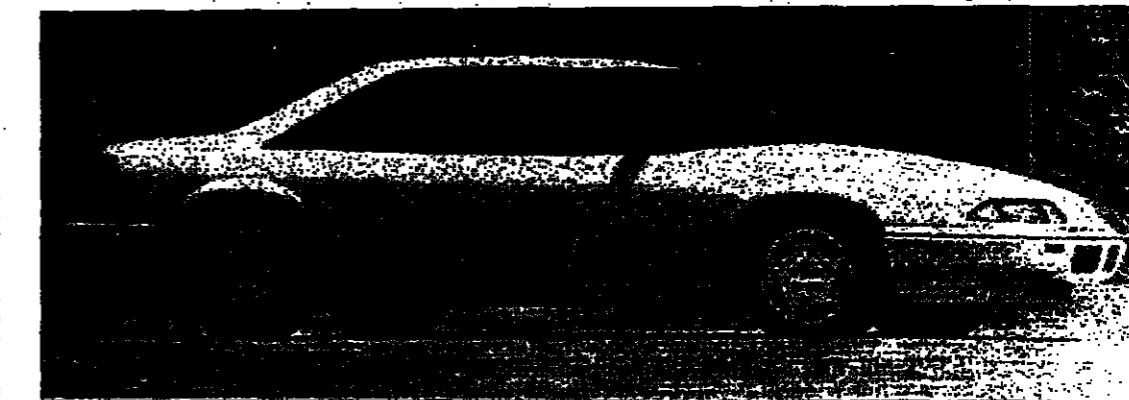
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Bassam Alghanim, president of Alghanim Industries (left) and Dale Hermiller of General Motors



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serve Area-10 governorate which accounts for 25 per cent of Kuwait's total population.

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## US conducting criminal investigation of ISC

## UK ready to extradite anyone involved in Ferranti fraud

LONDON, Sept. 20. (Reuters): Britain's financial watchdog has said it would seek the extradition of any suspect in an apparent multi-million dollar fraud involving a US-based subsidiary of the Ferranti Electronics Firm.

John Wood, director of the Serious Fraud Office, told British Broadcasting Corporation (BBC) television yesterday he would be ready to act if criminal activity is confirmed.

"If that person happens to be outside your jurisdiction and if he is in a country where we have an extradition treaty, then we will seek his extradition back to this country in order to prosecute him here," Wood said.

Britain's Ferranti International PLC said last week that it was looking into significant irregularities on contracts undertaken by the Pennsylvania-based International Signal and Control Co. which Ferranti took over in 1987.

The US Defence Department also said it was conducting a criminal investigation of

ISC. Ferranti chairman Sir Derek Alun-Jones said Ferranti lost up to £150 million (\$235 million) in dubious contracts inherited in its takeover of ISC.

Alun-Jones said the company, which suspended dealing in its shares last week, was negotiating a rescue package with British and foreign firms.

He told Reuters Ferranti was considering partnership with another firm, selling all non-core assets or a new issue of shares.

British Aerospace, Britain's biggest defence contractor, and several foreign companies, including France's Thomson-CSF, have been tipped by newspapers as possible partners in a takeover.

Alun-Jones also defended the ill-fated takeover of ISC — which Ferranti had seen as an entry into lucrative but competitive defence markets of the developing world.

"It looked like a very successful company

that was available to us at what looked like a very good price. The fact the company's accounts were incorrect, that certain parts of the management were mismanaging... was not apparent to anyone at the time," he said.

Media speculation has focused on a missile contract appearing in ISC's accounts which industry sources said appeared to be either dubious or non-existent. ISC operated in strict secrecy and refused to name its customers before the merger.

The scandal hit Ferranti, suppliers of front-line radar and control systems for key Nato weaponry, as it vied for a billion-dollar radar contract for the European fighter aircraft being developed by Britain, Italy, West Germany and Spain.

A spokesman for the European consortium said it had sent a message urging the four partners to exercise caution in placing sub-contracts with Ferranti until the situation became clearer.

## Bombay shares

BOMBAY Stock Exchange — Closing prices (Rs) as on: Sept. 20, 1989.	
ACC	262.50
Asia Paint	220
Brooke Bond	86
Bajaj Auto	312.50
Baroda Rayon	715
Bombay Dyeing	125.50
Century Spinning	2185
Colgate	172.50
BSE Index	730.48
Deepak Fert.	31
E. I. Hotel	58.50
Esakvel	117.50
Essar	23.50
GNFC	33.25
GSFC	163.75
Grasim	33.25
G.E. Ship	40.50
Garware Polyester	70.50
Gilinda	93
Hindcoops	136.25
Hind Lever	100
Hindalco	251.25
Hindmotor	32
I.T.C.	69
Indian Organic	46
Indrayan	84
Indrol	247.50
J.K. Synthetics	76
Larsen and Toubro	101.50
Mather PL	130.50
Mukund	16
Master Sh	93.50
Mahindra	650
Mico	1095
Nocil	1095
Orkay	15.75
Premier Auto	59
Peico	24
Pfizer	66
Raymond	101.50
Reliance	49
Spit	77
Simons	450
Sid Mills	337.50
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## Happy Birthday



Hiya celebrates her 1st birthday on Sept 22. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.



Khawaja Mohiuddin celebrates his birthday on Sept 23. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Khawaja goes to the United Indian School and enjoys reading and drawing.



Darshan Jerome celebrates her 11th birthday on September 21. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Darshan goes to the Indian School and likes reading.



Nabil Mohammed celebrates his 3rd birthday on Sept 22. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Nabil likes cycling and football.



Ilham Alam celebrates her 3rd birthday on September 22. Happy birthday from mummy, daddy and brother Sherif. Ilham likes watching television and playing with toys.



Asif Khan celebrates his 9th birthday on Sept 20. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Asif goes to the Fahaheel Pakistani School and likes swimming and playing.



Muna Chaudhry celebrates her 13th birthday on September 23. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Muna goes to the International School of Pakistan and likes reading.



Shahnila Shafique celebrates her birthday on September 22. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Shahnila goes to the Shaab Pakistani School and likes painting.



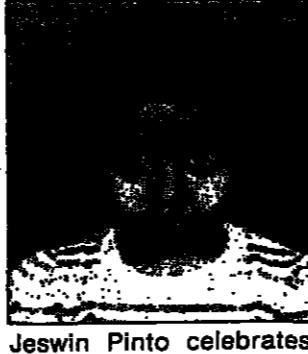
M.M. Hamidur Rashid celebrates his 11th birthday on Sept 21. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. M goes to the New Indian School and likes cycling and music.



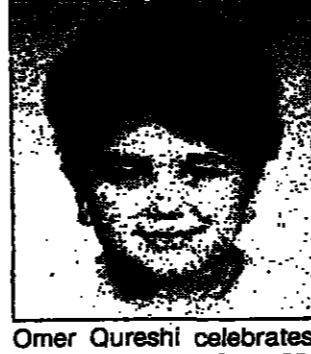
Mohammed Hashmi celebrates his 7th birthday on Sept 22. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Mohammed goes to the Pakistani School.



Metta Ananthanag celebrates her 4th birthday on September 21. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Metta goes to the Indian School and likes playing and collecting toys.



Jeswin Pinto celebrates her 4th birthday on September 22. Happy birthday from parents and big sister Janice. Jeswin goes to the Carmel School and likes singing and making friends.



Omer Qureshi celebrates his birthday on Sept 22. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Omer goes to the International School and likes collecting cars.



Nitasha Puri, a 4-year-old will be going to the Indian School this year. She wants to be an aviation consultant when she grows up. She likes travelling.



Lester Nuguid celebrates his birthday on Sept 21. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends.



Leon celebrates his birthday soon. Happy birthday from mummy, daddy, Lester, Feona, Jovita and Peter.



Leejo Jacob celebrates his birthday on Sept 23. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Leejo goes to the Indian School and likes painting and drawing.



Aida Sarwar celebrates her 13th birthday on Sept 25. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Aida goes to the Pakistani School and likes painting and reading.



Keegan D'Souza celebrates her birthday on Sept 22. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Keegan goes to the Indian School and likes watching cartoons.



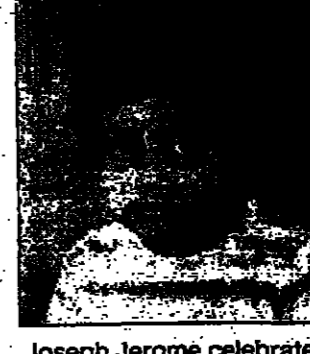
Jeena Thomas celebrates her birthday on September 21. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Jeena goes to the New Indian School and likes reading comics.



Shekhar Sur Roy, celebrates his fifth birthday on Sept 21. Happy birthday wishes and blessings from parents, Bhaskar and Puris. Shekhar goes to the Indian School.



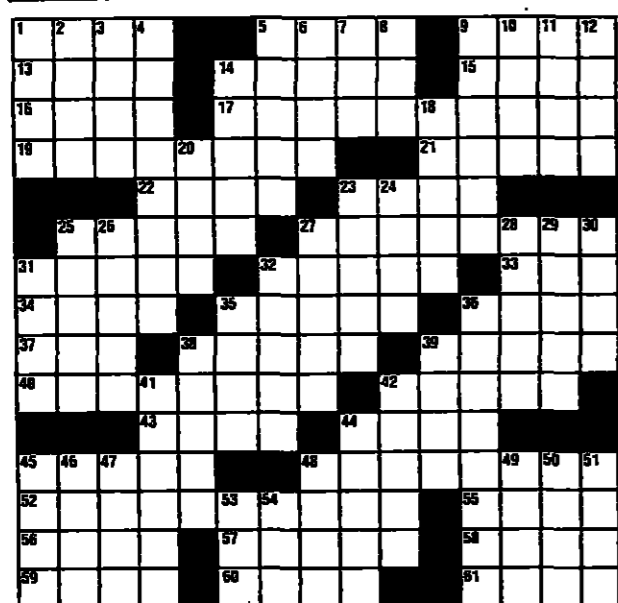
Antonio Lobo celebrates his 5th birthday on Sept 23. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Antonio goes to the Indian School and likes reading, and cartoons.



Joseph Jerome celebrates his birthday on Sept 24. Happy birthday from parents, family and friends. Joseph goes to the Indian School and likes to read, sing and draw.



## TODAY'S CROSSWORD



- ACROSS**
- Courts
  - Mason's wedge
  - Oaf
  - Hankering
  - Plant Comb. form
  - Corker
  - Puente of music
  - Chordal
  - Poisonous
  - Metall bar
  - Slope
  - Dark beer
  - Dupe
  - Tune for Pete Seeger
  - Nasal cavity
  - Small bodies of water
  - French king
  - Do handicraft
  - Spore case cluster
  - Positive quantity
  - Altar words
  - Out of — (cross)
  - First nine in golf
  - Solar
  - phenomena
  - Poultry pens
  - Kitchen items
  - Spotch
  - Generous one
  - Of plants and animals
  - Branch of dentistry
  - Chanel, to friends
  - Yearn
  - Farm buildings
  - Pitcher
  - Hersheiser
  - "Iliad" site
  - Narrow notch
  - majesty (treason)
- DOWN**
- Perceptive
  - powers
  - Of the ear
  - Eight Comb. form
  - Timesaving route
  - Fire!
  - Song of praise
  - Japanese statesman
  - Swab
  - Dull hollow sounds
  - Respiratory organ
  - Hodgepodge
  - Cable conduit
  - Donahue and Silvers
  - Painter Edward —: 1780-1849
  - Papal name
  - Windfall
  - Auto pioneer
  - Indian native
  - Burger's topper
  - Knox and Dix
  - Ship's deck
  - Parts of speech
  - Main point
  - Hits the slopes
  - Harbors
  - Sweep's target
  - Problem for a diplomat
  - Polo or Ping-Pong
  - Jester
  - Porcus
  - Satiates
  - Intolerant one
  - Blockhead
  - Fragrance
  - Mother's admonition
  - Single-edged
  - Philippine knife
  - Author Vidal
  - Chills
  - King —
  - CIA forerunner
  - Diamond name

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East-West vulnerable. South deals.

**NORTH**  
♠ J 7  
♥ 9 7  
♦ K J 8  
♣ K Q 6 5 4 3

**EAST**  
♠ A 9 5 2  
♥ 3  
♦ 10 9 6 5 4 3 2  
♣ J 10 7 2

**SOUTH**  
♠ K 6  
♥ A K 8 6 5 4 2  
♦ A Q  
♣ A 8

The bidding:  
South West North East  
1 ♥ Pass 2 ♠ Pass  
3 ♥ Pass 4 ♥ Pass  
6 ♥ Pass Pass Pass

Opening lead: Queen of ♥

If your opponents are reasonable bidders, you can't afford to be passive against small slam contracts. Usually, if you don't get your tricks in early, you won't get them at all. Scientific bidding occasionally tips the hand to the enemy, so we salute South for getting to the heart slam quickly. Unfortunately, we don't have the same high regard for the way the hand was played.

With a sure heart trick, West felt

he should make a safe opening lead. Had declarer made the most of the opportunity, West would have regretted being overly cautious.

Declarer won the opening lead and cashed his remaining high heart. Had the suit split, declarer would have been able to claim 13 tricks. When he discovered he had a trump loser, declarer expected to be able to discard his two spades on dummy's minor-suit winners. He cashed the ace of diamonds and continued with the queen. West ruffed and shifted to a spade—down one.

It might seem natural for declarer first to tackle the shorter of the minor suits. But it is demonstrably wrong. For the contract to succeed, South needs to discard both his spades, and he can obtain only one spade on diamonds. He must also get a discard on clubs, and for that to happen the defender with the long trump must hold at least two clubs.

Therefore, declarer should first have cashed two high clubs. If both defenders follow, declarer can switch to diamonds. Here, however, East will show out. Declarer then ruffs a club, overtakes the queen of diamonds with the king, cashes the queen of clubs for one pitch and gets rid of his remaining spade on a winning club as West ruffs.

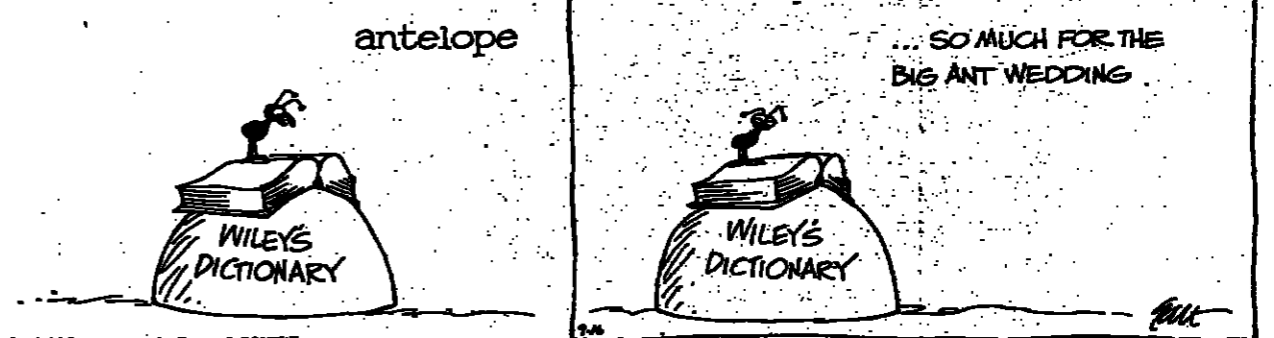
## THE WIZARD OF ID

By Brant Parker and Johnny Hart



B.C.

By Johnny Hart



## YOUR STARS

**Aries (March 20 - April 19)**  
You will be able to make a few changes for the better. Do not keep a friend waiting. And do not delay something that you well know should be done now. Be more tolerant.

**Taurus (April 19 - May 19)**  
You will be able to see things more clearly. There is a greater risk of fire so be on the lookout for it. Do not do anything on the basis of guesswork or hearsay and do not act on impulse. Be hopeful.

**Gemini (May 20 - June 20)**  
You should take things more as they come and not fight against what is inevitable. However that does not mean doing nothing to improve matters — if you try you can.

**Cancer (June 21 - July 21)**  
You will have a good idea but you must act upon it swiftly — it will not wait. Others will be more likely to do as you would wish them to. However do not ask for more than a modicum and do not expect miracles. Be selective.

**Leo (July 22 - Aug 21)**  
You will have to attend to certain things which will take you away from what also has to be done. There is thus no time to waste. Take a little more exercise, but nothing too strenuous. Be tactful.

**Virgo (Aug 22 - Sept 21)**  
You should avoid all kinds of exaggerations and distortions. Do not delude yourself by believing that what you would like to be actually is. Have a good laugh at yourself. Be reliable.

**Libra (Sept 22 - Oct 22)**  
A few hours spent in the open air will do you good. Make sure you do not do anything of which you know your partner would not approve. Pay more attention to what others are saying. Be accurate.

**Scorpio (Oct 23 - Nov 21)**  
You are likely to be a little too self-opinionated and should do all you can to correct the situation. Do not get bogged down in details but do not ignore them either. Pay attention to the sort of food you eat. Be generous.

**Sagittarius (Nov 22 - Dec 21)**  
If you smoke heavily do all you can to reduce or stop altogether. Your lucky numbers are 4 and 38. Others will be more prepared to listen to you but you should not bend their ear too much.

**Capricorn Dec 22 - Jan 19)**  
You will be able to deal with a rather complicated situation. Pay a little more attention to detail. You will be able to take advantage of a good opportunity. Be receptive.

**Aquarius (Jan 20 - Feb 18)**  
You should take care not to become involved in more than you can cope with. You should however not fall down on your commitments nor should you break a promise. Take the best care of your health. Be moderate.

**Pisces (Feb 19 - March 19)**  
You should avoid exceeding limits of propriety or of speed. You will be able to make good progress at work, provided you do not allow yourself to be distracted. Once you have made up your mind stick to it. Be agreeable.

Last part of 3-part series

## Back to school

By Julie Hodgson

SARAH got off the school bus, and went to run to the playground, as she raced towards the gate, she bumped into a girl.

"Oh, I'm so sorry," said Sarah. "I should not be running in the first place, because it can cause accidents," she added apologetically.

"Don't worry," said the girl. "By the way, my name is Jehan, what's yours?"

"Sarah," she replied, picking up the books Sarah had knocked out of Jehan's hands. She handed them back and the two girls went into the playground.

Sarah introduced Jehan to her best friend Bidor, and they all became firm friends. Jehan was in a different class, so they all promised to meet each other after school, before the bus came.

In class, the teacher had set out a nature chart upon the blackboard, it had lots of animals, it had squirrels, red and silver-grey ones, and lovely golden brown

foxes, with bushy tails. The teacher asked them to draw an animal that lived in a forest. So Sarah drew a badger, Bidor drew a deer, with lovely long legs and coloured it light brown.

It was great fun learning about different animals, other than the ones you see in a zoo. The children spent the entire morning, looking at all the different creatures.

Also the teacher showed them some flowers, nobody knew what they were, they were very pretty. There were daisies, pansies, crocus's and lovely yellow daffodils, some of the children had not seen them before, as they came from lands, where it was very hot, and grew tropical flowers instead.

The day went very fast for all the boys and girls, the teacher was so nice to them. Sarah wondered what she was worried about in starting school. It was fun, as well as making friends, she was learning, and that was FUN.

### On the river

On the river,  
far away from land,  
lotuses glimmer,  
Hand in hand.  
Clouds shiver while birds fly above.  
Silver fish in the river,  
Swim in a row.  
Bright sunshine during the day,  
Makes the river glimmer its way.  
At night the stars twinkle above,  
And the moon brightens its way.

### On the beach

Seagulls heading towards the sun,  
With creamy blue seas under them.  
A group of children play in the distance  
Uttering words of happiness,  
Singing all the way.  
Golden is the sand,  
Happy is the band.  
Cold is the water,  
In the deep brown sand.

### Young poet

#### Autumn leaves

Pretty are the yellow leaves,  
Blowing across the yard.  
Soft and gently past the woods,  
Past the windy climate.  
Steady will the leaves blow.  
Calling out autumn!  
Autumn! Here we come!

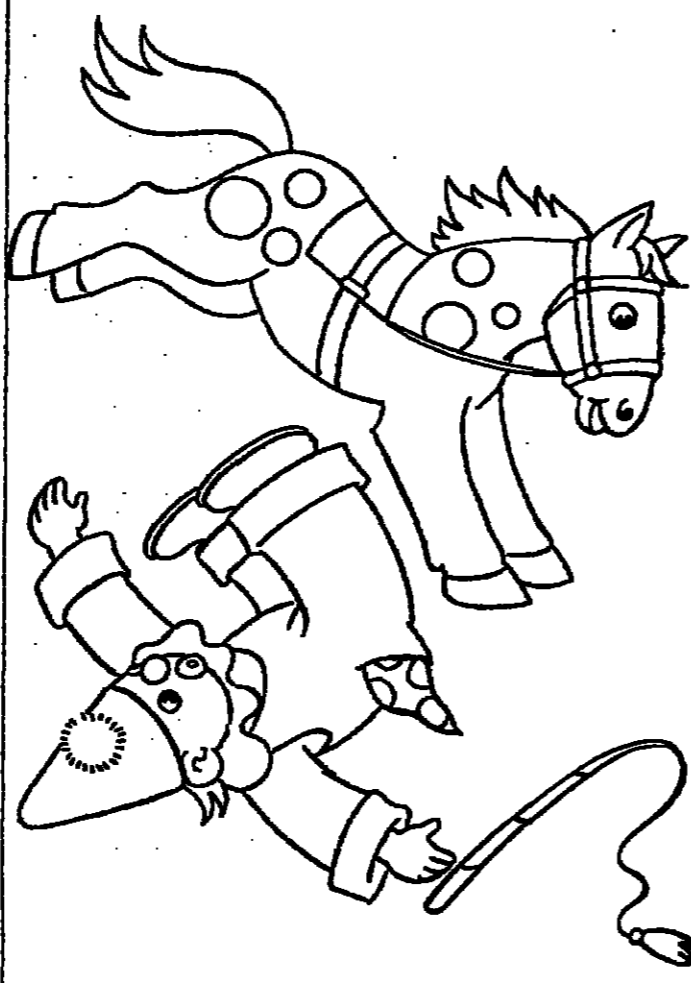
#### Spring

Spring is here,  
Spring is there,  
Spring, Spring everywhere.  
Flowers show their blossom,  
Birds sing,  
ringing out melodies.  
"Spring! Spring!  
Here we come!"



By Tehreeb Huda,  
Age 10,  
Junior 4,  
Kuwait English School.

### Colouring time



## Competition

### Nehru's birth centenary celebration

AS part of Nehru's birth centenary celebration, Indian Arts Circle is pleased to announce that a week-long children's competition will be arranged at the IAC Auditorium from October 21 to 27, 1989. This competition is open for all school going Indian children.

IAC is organising the competition with a view to identify and encourage young talent in the areas of arts, culture and general knowledge.

A steering committee has been formed in association with the Principals of various Indian Schools in Kuwait and the Indian Embassy to conduct the competition in a fair and systematic way.

Events included under the competition are singing, dancing, recitation, elocution, fancy dress, painting and quiz. Entry forms with rules and regulations are available from various Indian Schools and IAC office at Fumattess. Late date of entry is October 5, 1989. Entry fee is K.D.1 per child irrespective of number of events entered.

For the sake of this competition, children will be grouped as follows according to the class they attend:

- Group - A: K.G. to Prep Standard.
  - Group - B: 1st to 3rd Standard.
  - Group - C: 4th to 6th Standard.
  - Group - D: 7th to 9th Standard.
  - Group - E: 10th to 12th Standard.
- These standards refer to Indian Schools. For other schools, equivalent grades will be considered. For further details contact IAC 3904817.

### Amazing facts

The centre of the earth is almost 4,000 miles beneath our feet.

The St Charles Hotel, New Orleans was destroyed by fire in 1851, as was a second hotel of the same name, on the same site 43 years later.

Eighty-five per cent of India's 625,820,000 people live in rural communities of less than 5,000 inhabitants.

In 1450 an alchemist thought he had discovered the secret of making gold. He slowly cooked 2,000 egg yolks, and mixed them with olive oil and vitriol, but all it did was poison his pigs.

A balloon in which three Swedish explorers set off from Spitzbergen to the North Pole in 1897 was found 33 years later perfectly preserved in the Arctic ice.

### Word search

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Dear Junior readers,  
School is now becoming more settled and homework is beginning to take its toll.

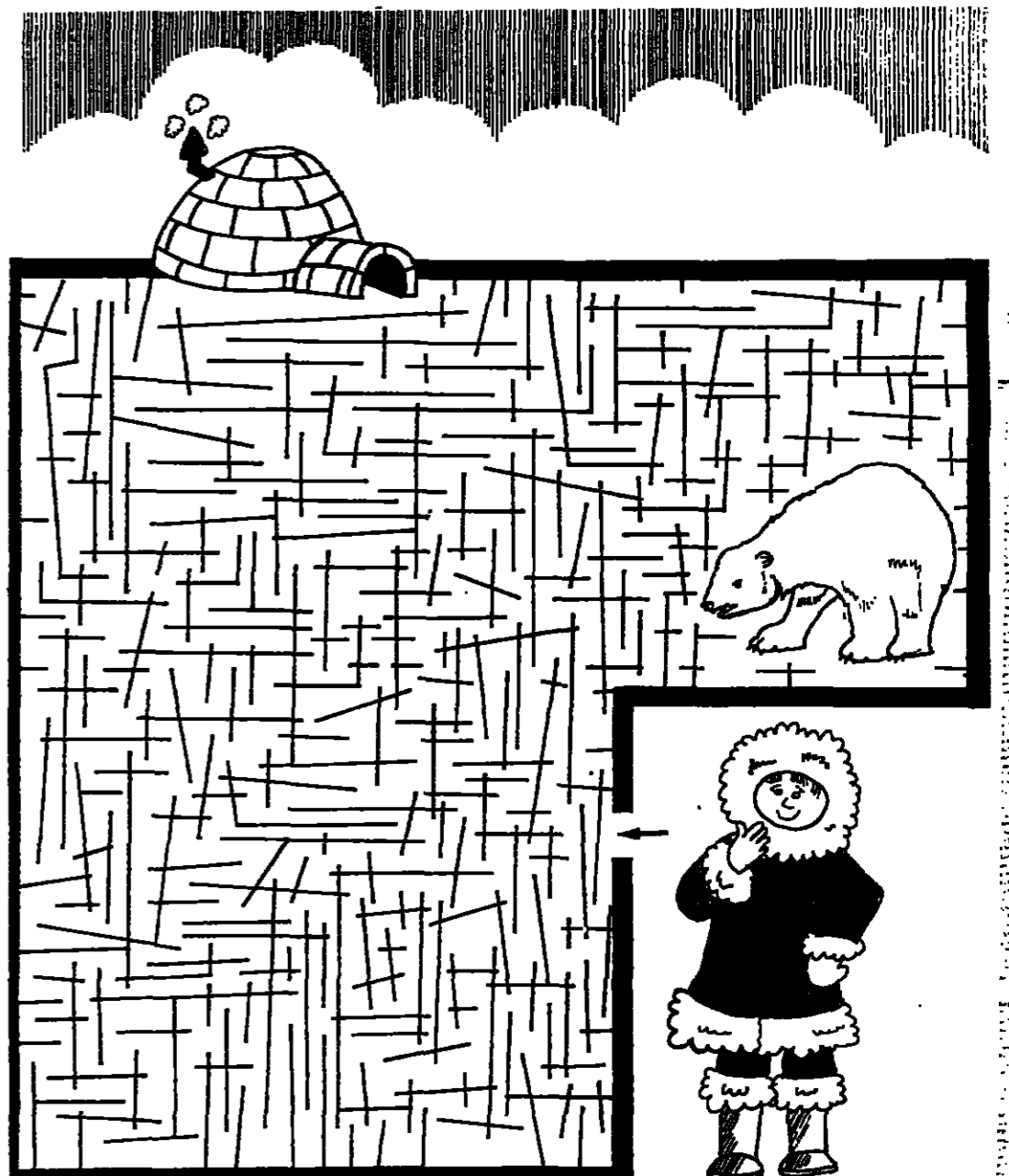
Many of you, I am sure, feel that the work is still too easy and are somewhat lazy when it comes to doing your "easy" homework. You do not feel like putting effort into something so primitive. Your teachers and parents are disappointed.

Why not try to set a good impression right from the very beginning? Why have a report stating "...his/her work showed good progress during the term..." instead of "...a hard working student, who kept up his/her high standard throughout the term..." Do you notice the difference?

Homework, if you give it your full attention and concentration, should not take longer than an hour to complete.

After lunch, take a half hour rest and then really sit on it. Concentrate hard and follow the directions carefully. Read the whole question before answering and analyse exactly what is required. You may even want to dot down the different parts of the question on a rough paper before answering. Tick off each point when you answer it. This way, you can ensure that you will not forget a part of the question by mistake.

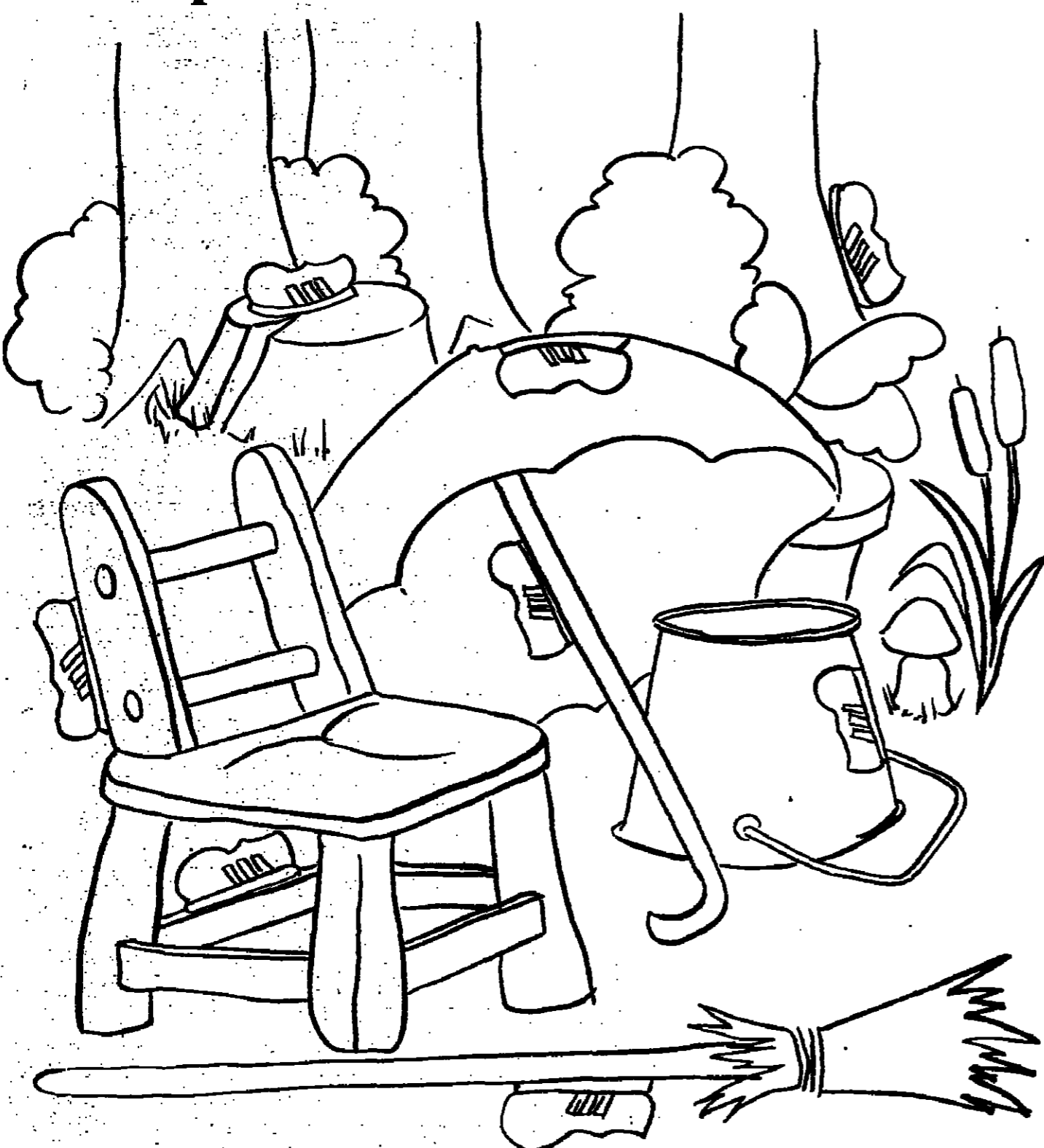
Before I sign off, I would like to thank all of the Junior readers who send in their work for publication. Once again, I assure you that all work received will be printed. Manal



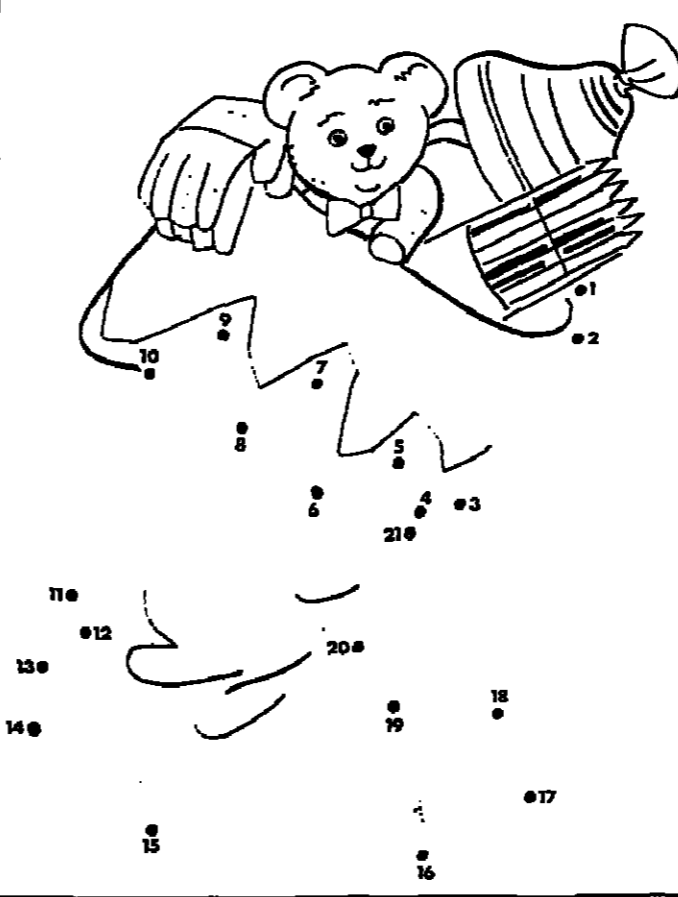
Since the eskimo left his igloo, the ice has started to crack. Can you find a way through the maze, so that he can get back to his igloo?

### Hidden picture

Help Snyder Spider find his 8 pumps.



### Dot-to-dot



### Birthday coupon

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# Rostagno stuns Wilander in first round

LOS ANGELES, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Derrick Rostagno, a whisker away from defeating US Open champion Boris Becker three weeks ago, made a career breakthrough yesterday at the \$425,000 Los Angeles Grand Prix tennis tournament.

The 101st-ranked American upset a declining Mats Wilander of Sweden, the 10th-ranked fourth seed, 6-7, 7-5, 6-2 in the first round.

Top seeded Michael Chang survived a shaky start to defeat fellow American teenager Pete

Sampras 7-6, 6-0. But third-seeded American Tim Mayotte was beaten by unseeded Canadian Andrew Sznajder 6-4, 3-6, 7-5.

Rostagno held two match points against West German Becker in the second round of the US Open but lost in five sets. This time, the American made sure of victory after Wilander let a 5-3 second set lead slip away.

Wilander, who has seven Grand Slam singles titles to his name but has not won a tournament all year, lacked resolve when serving for the

match at 5-3 and was broken to love.

Rostagno then mixed sliced angles with aggressive groundstrokes and the occasional rush to net to take the set 7-5 on a winning volley.

In the third set, Rostagno broke Wilander twice to lead 5-2 but lost his first match point when he netted a volley, bringing back memories of his missed chances against Becker.

"It came back to haunt me," said Rostagno. "It was really miserable. But I had a more

comfortable lead against Mats."

Rostagno won on his second match point when Wilander hit a backhand long.

"I had 3-1, 30-0 and I played a couple of loose points," Wilander said. "That's all it takes for the match to turn around."

Wilander added that he might abandon his remaining schedule for the year and "try and take two to three months off soon and work really hard physically."

## Fernandez, Temesvari advance

DALLAS, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Sixth seed Mary Joe Fernandez of the United States beat countrywoman Kathy Rinaldi 6-1, 6-4 to advance with Andrea Temesvari of Hungary to the second round of a \$250,000 tennis tournament in Dallas yesterday.

Top seed Martina Navratilova of the United States and French Open champion second-seeded Arantxa Sanchez Vicario of Spain both received first round byes in the 28-player indoor tournament.

Temesvari, who was out from March, 1987, until January, 1989, with a shoulder injury, continued her comeback with an impressive win over American Robin White 7-6, 6-4 in the most exciting first round contest.

Fernandez, ranked 13 in the world, carefully selected her opportunities to come to the net throughout her baseline duel with 50th-ranked Rinaldi.

She said her conditioning played a big part in the match, as Rinaldi was not yet back in top form after being out for a year with a broken thumb.

"Kathy is hitting the ball well but her physical condition may not be where it was. Still, she is not easy to play," said Fernandez.

Temesvari, who dropped her serve just once in her match and took the first set tiebreaker with an ace, said White's erratic attacking style created problems for her.

"I had some good shots, but she is difficult to play against because she hits so many different shots. It was hard to keep a rhythm going," said Temesvari.

## Weightlifter gets royal treatment

ATHENS, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Turkey's Olympic weightlifting champion Naim Suleymanoglu is treated like royalty.

The featherweight lifter, who won his third world title on Sunday, is protected by a team of bodyguards everywhere he goes, and journalists bow before him to show their respect.

Naim, who defected from Bulgaria to Turkey two years ago, last year gave his adopted homeland their first Olympic gold medal for 20 years.

The diminutive lifter, nicknamed 'The Pocket Hercules' lives in a palace in Ankara and was flown to the world championships in Athens in a special Turkish government helicopter.

But Naim says fame has not changed him and the bodyguards were not his own idea.

"But I understand it," he told Reuters in an interview.

"Turkey is not exactly an all-conquering country in sports. They value their champions very much, and I am now their champion," said a beaming Suleymanoglu, clearly reveling in his new life of fame and fortune.

Naim was born 22 years ago as Naim Suleymanov to a poor Muslim Turkish family near the Bulgarian town of Plovdiv.

After the Bulgarian government introduced a forced assimilation programme for ethnic minorities, his name was changed to Naim Suleymanov.

"My father applied to have the surname changed to the original Suleymanoglu, since our family is Turkish. Instead, we became Suleymanovs," he said.

## West German pair triumph

ALASSIO, Italy, Sept. 20, (Reuters): West Germans Albert Batzill and Peter Lang won the first race of the flying Dutchman World Championships yesterday as the competition finally got underway in light winds after two windless days.

Reigning champions and Olympic gold medalists Jorgen and Jens Boisen Moller of Denmark finished out of the top 10.

But 1988 European champions Louise Doreste and Domingo Manrique had a good first day, finishing fourth.

# Liverpool rally for win

## Coventry and City lose

LONDON, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Liverpool suffered the indignity of falling behind to Third Division Wigan before romping to a 5-2 victory in their English League Cup second round, first leg tie at Anfield yesterday.

Liverpool, pipped for the First Division title by Arsenal last season, seemed set for a comfortable win when Swedish international Glenn Hysen headed them ahead in the fourth minute.

Unfanned, Wigan equalised through Brian Griffith in the 18th minute and silenced the home crowd with a fine second by David Thompson after 54 minutes.

But once Liverpool stepped up a gear cracks began to appear in the Wigan defence.

Welsh international Ian Rush exploited them with strikes in the 64th and 66th minutes and thought John Barnes missed a penalty after 70 minutes Liverpool rubbed home their superiority with further goals from Peter Beardsley and Barnes in the final 10 minutes.

A last-minute goal by David Oldfield spared some of First

Division Manchester City's blushes in their tie at Brentford.

The Third Division side looked like going into the second

leg with a two-goal cushion until Oldfield struck with a fierce 20-metre shot.

Brentford, boosted by a ninth



Rush (left) and Beardsley scored for Liverpool

minute goal by defender Terry Evans, over-ran City in the second half but scored only once more through Gary Blissett six minutes from time.

First Division Coventry fared even worse at Blundell Park, home of Fourth Division Grimsby.

They never recovered from conceding an early goal to Dave Gilbert and went on to lose 3-1, their consolation goal coming from a Brian Kilcline penalty.



Results

English Football League Cup			
Arsenal	2	Plymouth	0
Barnsley	1	Blackpool	1
Birmingham	1	West Ham	1
Bolton	1	Watford	1
Brentford	1	Manchester C	1
Cambridge	1	Derby	1
Chelsea	1	Scarbrough	1
Crewe	1	Bournemouth	1
Crystal P	1	Leicester	1
Grimsby	1	Coventry	1
Ipswich	1	Tranmere	1
Leyton	1	Everton	1
Liverpool	5	Wigan	2
Mansfield	1	Luton	1
Oldham	1	Leeds	1
Reading	1	Newcastle	1
Sheff Wed	1	Swindon	1
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Sunderland	1	Fulham	1
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Scots Football League			
Rangers	1	Dundfermline	0

## Stage set for GCC tourney

THE fourth GCC Junior Football Tournament, sponsored by Maserati, will kick off on 2 in Abu Dhabi, U.A.E. Lasting until October 13, the junior-league championship will feature the best team from each of the GCC nations.

Under the patronage of Sheikh Hamdan Bin Zayed, undersecretary, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and president of U.A.E.'s Football Association, the tournament is hosted by the Al-Wahda Club. Other teams are Al-Hilal (Saudi Arabia), Al-Jahra (Kuwait), Muharraq (Bahrain), Al-Sadd (Qatar) and Sijeh (Oman) according to Sultan Al-Otaibi, general secretary of Al Wahda Club.

Following that the tournament has now become an established event in the GCC sports calendar Peter Sheldon Green of the Maserati Company said, "The Maserati tournament has made a significant contribution towards sports among the youth of this important region." He said the "remarkable achievements" of the Bahraini and Saudi teams in last

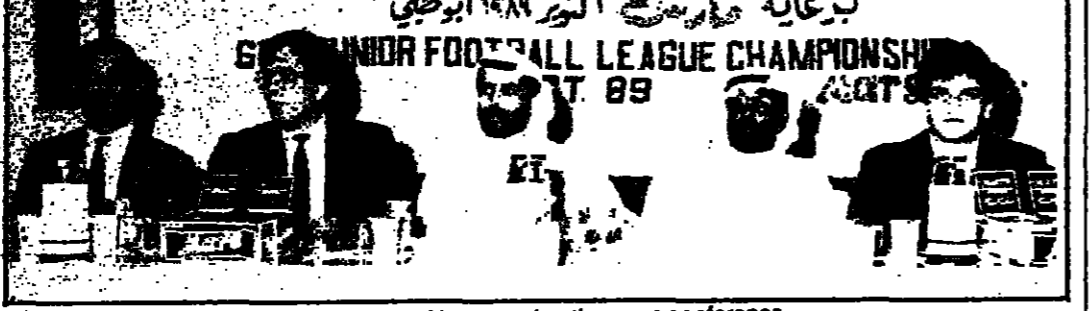
summer's Junior World Cup Championship are "the best evidence of the great care and attention given to junior-league sports."

The Maserati Company organised the initial tournament three years ago in Bahrain for youth 16 years and under. Subsequently, said Sheldon Green, the company spurred its growth in Saudi Arabia and assisted in getting junior-league sports on its feet in Kuwait.

The tournament gradually became a sporting event adopted throughout the GCC, and we're very proud to be a part of it," he continued.

Bahrain's Muharraq hosted the initial championship in 1986 and walked off with the trophy. The second and third tournaments were held in Riyadh and Kuwait, respectively, and won by Saudi Arabia's Al-Hilal.

Also present at the press conference in the U.A.E. were Richard Morgan, Maserati manager for the U.A.E., and Ahmed Abu Reesh, Fortune Promoseven, Bahrain.



Green (2nd left) addressing the press conference

## Turkey to grant asylum to Soviet

ANKARA, Sept. 20, (Reuters): A champion Soviet weightlifter and his trainer who defected to the Turkish embassy in Athens yesterday will be granted asylum by Turkey, state-run Turkish Television reported.

Turkish Ambassador Gunduz Aktan, interviewed on television by telephone from Athens, said Greek officials had been asked to allow Hafiz Suleymanov and his trainer-masseur Vitali Stavrov

to leave for Turkey.

Suleymanov, who won the 56 kg bantamweight category at the World Weightlifting Championships in Athens last Saturday, told the television from Athens he had been considering defecting to Turkey for a year.

"He (Stavrov) and I decided together in Athens to defect. We are ready to go to Turkey," he said, speaking in Turkish.

Suleymanov comes from Sum-

gait in Soviet Azerbaijan where most of the people are of ethnic Turkish origin, Turkey's semi-official Anatolian news agency said.

In Athens, the leader of the Soviet weightlifting team, Nikolai Parkhomenko, said: "Suleymanov has been missing from his hotel room since 10 am. We have been looking for him but we don't know where he went."

# Court ruling has killed America's Cup: Bond



Fay addressing a conference. (Reuters wirephoto).

PERTH, Australia, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Australia's 1983 America's Cup victor Alan Bond said today the court decision handing the trophy back to the United States had virtually killed off yachting's premier contest.

"The America's Cup as we knew it has gone and unless there is some return to a rational consensus so have the days of it being a sporting event," Bond said in a statement.

Bond said two years of litigation between New Zealand's Mercury Bay Boating Club and San Diego Yacht Club made him wish he was still dealing with the feisty New York Yacht Club which held the Cup for 132 years.

"At times I would not have believed that I would now be saying 'Thank goodness for the New York Yacht Club,'" said Bond.

"In all our dealings with the New York Yacht Club we never entered into formal contracts," Bond said.

He added: "We now have an atmosphere of mistrust which will probably change the course of the America's Cup forever."

Yesterday's appeals court

decision in New York reversed an earlier order awarding the Cup to New Zealand on the grounds that San Diego's 1988 Cup defence in a nimbly catamaran against New Zealand's huge sloop was unfair.

Bond said the reversal went against all the principles of America's Cup competition.

San Diego had thrown away convention and, with its sportsmanship, in responding to the New Zealand challenge with a catamaran.

"This was akin to a modern jet fighter racing against a propeller-driven aircraft," Bond said.

Bond's Australia II skippered by John Bertrand was the first challenger to win the Cup since the Schooner America claimed the trophy from Britain in 1851.

Australia lost the trophy in 1987 when San Diego skipper Dennis Conner sailed Stars and Stripes to a crushing 4-0 victory over Kookaburra III.

Bond this month announced he was suspending preparations for a sixth America's Cup challenge until the legal wrangling involving New Zealand and

San Diego was settled.

No yachtsman would now be prepared to enter the event without a formal legally-binding contract stating what sort of yacht would be tendered in the defence, Bond said.

Meanwhile, Michael Fay, head of the New Zealand challenge vowed yesterday to go to the highest court possible to overturn the ruling.

"This majority decision is a disgrace to sport," an irate Fay told a news conference televised from Auckland.

"If this judgement stands, quite frankly the future of the cup is not good...the idea of the challenge is to have an even chance," he continued.

"We will pursue an appeal to the final court in New York and we intend there to get a final, favourable resolution of the rules of this contest that mean the challenger and the defender play on a level field."

San Diego Yacht Club members applauded the decision at a news conference, but official reaction was muted.

"I don't want to get into the



Xavier (right) receives the trophy.

## Flying Arrows beat Cosmos for crown

FLYING ARROWS beat Cosmos 2-0 in the final of the Al Hilal Trophy hockey tournament to take the title at the Ahmadi hockey grounds earlier this week.

Both the winning goals came through Martin. In the first half Flying Arrows captain Xavier found Martin unmarked and passed the ball to him. Martin easily dribbled past one defender and then beat the onrushing defender from an acute angle.

Cosmos' Diego kept threatening the Flying Arrows' goal but he shot wide on every occasion. The game was 1-0 in Flying Arrows' favour at the interval.

In the second half most of the game was restricted to the midfield with Elias Santimano standing out in the defence for Cosmos and Sunil doing well for Flying Arrows.

The second goal was again on a pass from Xavier. Martin tapped the ball into the goal and gave goalkeeper Chris no chance to affect a save.

The prizes were presented to both the teams at the end of the match by Haji Mohammed Yousuf.

## US team fired up for Ryder Cup: Watson

SUTTON, COLDFIELD, England, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Tom Watson feels there has never been a more motivated US Ryder Cup team than the one which faces Europe in the biennial clash beginning on Friday.

"We want to win very badly," he said yesterday. "I've never known a US team as fired up as this one."

Watson, once the dominant American player but now struggling with his putting, was picked for this week's match by captain Ray Floyd as one of his two personal selections.

"There are a lot of reasons why I picked Tom — for his past play, for his present play, his presence and for the fierce competitor he is," Floyd said.

Watson, five times the British Open champion, was on the team in 1977, 1981 and 1983 — but has not been included since.

"In 1983 I needed a birdie on the last hole of our PGA championship (to qualify) — but I only got par. The 1987 I just had a lousy year," he said.

This year Floyd called him up to lend experience to the 12-man team of which five are playing for the first time.

"Ray told me after the third round of the PGA that I was his choice," Watson said, adding: "I told him 'Captain, you couldn't

have made a better pick'."

Watson, whose Cup record is nine wins and three losses, said the European victories in 1985 and 1987 had spurred the Americans to think more positively about the event.

"The attitude of the players has changed now. We are trying to prove the US is better. And we are not playing for anything except pride."

Floyd said yesterday he intended to stick with the pattern of play that failed for both of the two preceding US captains, Lee Trevino and Jack Nicklaus.

Floyd said every member of his 12-man squad would play at least one contest on each day "unless they come to me and ask not to."

"My 12 will all play every day. I don't think it would be healthy to set a player aside unless he came to me with an ailment or asks not to play," Floyd said. "I think that's part of the spirit of the Ryder Cup."

Floyd's European counterpart, Tony Jacklin, who has led the last two victories, has never followed the American policy.

"Points on the board are all important in Ryder Cup. It would be nice to play everybody each day, and I still might," Jacklin said.



Watson looks on as teammate Mark Calcavecchia watches his fairway shot. (Reuters wirephoto)

## CRICKET

# Gavaskar to play in benefit

WELLINGTON, Sept. 20, (Reuters): India's Sunil Gavaskar, Dennis Lillee of Australia and West Indian Michael Holding have agreed to play in a testimonial cricket series next year marking the likely retirement of New Zealand all-rounder Richard Hadlee, promoters said today.

The series will feature three one-day matches in March and April between a Hadlee Invitation XI comprising New Zealand's top players and a World XI drawn from 21 players from Australia, England, India, West Indies and Pakistan.

Organisers said in a statement that former Indian captain Gavaskar and fast bowlers Lillee and Holding had confirmed they would play. All three have retired from Test cricket.

Hadlee said he was delighted New Zealand cricket fans would have a chance to see the three players. "My admiration for Dennis Lillee is well-known," he said.

"He has been my hero and a source of inspiration throughout my career."

Others invited to play include Kapil Dev and Ravi Shastri of India, Imran Khan and Javed Miandad of Pakistan, Allan Border and David Boon of Australia and Clive Lloyd of the West Indies.

Some leading English and West Indies players invited to take part cannot do so because of England's tour of the Caribbean early next year.

The Hadlee matches will be in Christchurch on March 25, Wellington on March 28 and Auckland on April 1 with prize money of 35,000 New Zealand dollars (\$21,000).

## Pakistan asks for neutral Test umpires

ISLAMABAD, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Pakistan has written to five countries in search of two umpires for the forthcoming four-test series against India, a senior cricket official said yesterday.

Arif Abbasi, secretary of the Board of Control for Cricket in Pakistan, said the request was sent after an agreement between the two countries that neutral umpires should supervise the series.

"It will be the first time in history that a Test series will be supervised by neutral umpires," said Abbasi, who returned from Bombay last week.

Pakistan has campaigned for several years to make neutral umpires standard practice in Test cricket, as in most other sports. But some other Test-playing countries, notably England who are the only country to possess full-time professional umpires, have resisted the change.

Two of three Tests between Pakistan and West Indies in 1986 were umpired by Indians. But subsequent tours by England in 1987 and Australia last year were marred by heated disputes between the visiting sides and local umpires, notably the infamous Mike Gatting-Shakoor Rana exchange at Faisalabad.

Abbasi said letters were sent to the other five Test-playing nations — West Indies, Australia, New Zealand, Sri Lanka and England. He was confident that the requests would be received favourably.

## Pasco triumphs twice

LADISLAO Lyndon J. Pasco, a Filipino, won both the races held by the Messilah Beach Windsurfing Club last Friday to mark the start of the Autumn Series.

Pasco borrowed a Mistral Competition SST from a friend on the beach, as he has no equipment of his own, to stun all the other 21 competitors taking part in events for three different classes.

Sieve Kelly, on his new Mistral Equipe board sponsored by the Sultan Center, was second on both races.

Nearly all the other competitors were surprised by the Pasco's performance. Pasco works at the Messilah Beach Hotel looking after other peoples equipment and most importantly keeps an eye out to the sea in case of emergencies.

Pasco has rescued a lot of people from the sea and is one of the most popular persons on the Messilah beach.

Anyone interested in joining the Messilah Beach Windsurfing Club should contact Bob Green, Tel 4896000 ext 3943.

## Brazil to face US in final

PERTH, Australia, Sept. 20, (Reuters): Brazil held off a desperate late-session charge by Poland to beat the European champions by 369 to 327 points in the Bermuda Bowl world bridge semifinals today.

Brazil will face defending champions the US who beat Australia 387 to 327 points, in tomorrow's final.

Brazil's best showing since winning the world team Olympiad in 1976 is owed partly to the performance of Gabriel Chagas

of Rio de Janeiro, a polymath who is arguably the best bridge player in the Southern Hemisphere.

It was his partner, Marcelo Branco, who saved Brazil, as Poland scored 30 straight points when play resumed today. Brazil led 293-245 overnight.

In the women's Venice Cup final tomorrow, defending champions the United States will start as favourites against the Netherlands.

## SPORTS

## Egypt may take part in football tournament

EGYPT may accept Kuwait's invitation to take part in the football tournament of the Peace and Friendship Championships, due to be held in Kuwait Oct 30 to November 12, according to an official of the Egyptian soccer body.

Khaled Al Deeb, the director of the Egyptian Football Association, said that his country would like to accept the invitation to attend the games. He added

that Egypt had delayed a decision in this regard as its exact commitments in the World Cup qualifying games were not known.

Al Deeb said that the technical delegate of the Egyptian soccer body, Jawhari, would visit Kuwait soon and meet the deputy chairman of the organising committee for the championship Sheikh Fahd Al Ahmed. He added that

the final decision would be taken after Jawhari's talks with Sheikh Fahd.

The Egyptian volleyball team, however, has already confirmed its participation in the championship and will start intensive training from Saturday.

The team is now attending a camp in Europe and all the 16 players expected to come to Kuwait are part of the camp.

Sheikh Fahd, meanwhile, chaired a meeting yesterday of a committee which is responsible in organising the displays at the opening ceremonies. The meeting was attended by the director of the Physical Education and Sports department Dr Jassem Al Jecmas and also the director of Constructions and Courses at the Ministry of Social Affairs and Labour Naser Al Zankawi.

## Jansher, Dittmar advance

SINGAPORE, Sept 20, (Reuters). Second-seeded Chris Dittmar of Australia moved closer to a showdown with top seed Jansher Khan after a comfortable three-game win over Finland's Sami Elopuro in the second round of the Singapore Open Squash Championship today.

Dittmar, who won the Australian title earlier this year, took only 44 minutes to beat Elopuro 15-4 15-5 15-7 and advance to face Pakistani Mir Zaman Gul seeded eighth.

Jansher of Pakistan also advanced with a 15-9 15-2 win over Welshman Adrian Davies.

Zaman Gul advanced to the next round after Australian Rodney Eyles conceded during the third game of their match. Eyles won the first game 15-12 but twisted his ankle midway through the second while trying to return a cross-court drive by the Pakistani.

He lost the game 8-15 and was trailing 0-3 in the third when he pulled out.

There were no surprises in the women's event, where all eight seeded players progressed safely.

## Results

Men: Jansher Khan (Pakistan) beat Adrian Davies (Wales) 15-9 15-2; 4-Chris Robertson (Australia) beat Mark Calms (England) 15-10 15-3 15-4; 9-Rodney Martin (Australia) beat Tristan Nancarrow (Australia) 15-6 15-5 15-11; 8-Mir Zaman Gul (Pakistan) beat Rodney Eyles (Australia) 12-15 15-4 3-9 (Eyles retired); Phil Kenyon (England) beat 6-Del Harris (England) 17-16 15-10 15-13; 5-Ross Norman (New Zealand) beat Stuart Hallstone (Scotland) 15-4 15-10 4-15 15-11; 2-Chris Dittmar (Australia) beat Sami Elopuro (Finland) 15-4 15-5 15-7; 7-Umer Hayat (Pakistan) beat 10-Zarakh Jahan (Pakistan) 12-15 15-10 15-11 15-13.

Women: 1-Lisa Opie (England) beat Mah Li Lin (Singapore) 15-3 15-10 15-5; 6-Robyn Lambourne (Australia) beat Chris Chew Lan (Singapore) 15-2 15-4 15-6; 4-Michelle Martin (Australia) beat Denise Somers (Netherlands) 15-11 15-8 15-9; 7-Sarah Fitzgerald (Australia) beat Britte Godt (West Germany) 15-3 15-8 15-3; 8-Lucy Souter (England) beat Miyuki Adachi (Japan) 15-4 15-8 15-4; 3-Liz Irving (Australia) beat Graeme Choy Sarwat (Hong Kong) 15-12 15-6 15-10; 5-Danielle Brady (Australia) beat Susan Wright (England) 15-6 15-11 15-8; 2-Martine Le Moignan (England) beat Dawn Olsen (Hong Kong) 15-3 15-4 15-4.



Jacob Mathew (left) and Bal Sharma.

## Sharma and Mathew take veterans crown

BAL SHARMA and Jacob Mathew clinched the first title of the Indian Arts Circle (IAC) Badminton Tournament, open to all Indians, on Tuesday evening.

Sharma and Mathew played an excellent game to beat M.M. Joshi and G.S. Palla in the veterans doubles event to finish on top.

In the men's doubles, Siva Kumar and Mathew N.C. were made to fight for victory by Rani Joseph and Louis Gonsalves before they could advance into the finals.

Kumar and Mathew took the first set 15-11 with their opponents not giving away anything without a struggle. In the second set, Joseph and Gonsalves put themselves back into the game by winning 15-13.

The third set, however, saw Kumar and Mathew dominate and win 15-4 to take the game.

Reji Joseph advanced to the finals of the men's singles with an easy victory over Mathew N.C. Reji Joseph gave away only eight points in the first set and four in the second to win 15-8 15-4.

In the mixed doubles, Gina Antony and Bijoy M. found their way into the finals by virtue of a 6-15 15-4 15-6 victory over Sobha Nair and Philip Cherian.

And in the ladies doubles, Asha Kutty and Viji Kutty beat Sobha Nair and Gina Antony 15-9 15-0 to reach the finals.

Today is the last day of the tournament with the finals start-



Reji Joseph

ing at 7.00 pm. The organisers have announced that spectators can reserve space for themselves by contacting the IAC office manager because of limited space on the badminton court.

Today's matches: Ladies singles: Gina Antony vs Rani John (7 pm). Gent's singles: Reji Joseph vs Rani Joseph (7.30).

Ladies doubles: Asha Kutty and Viji Kutty vs Suja Verghese and Rani Tharian (8 pm). Gent's doubles: Siva Kumar and Mathew N.C. vs Reji Joseph and Cherry George (8.30).

## SPORTS BRIEFS

## Darts season

THE Kuwait Darts League 1989-1990 season is due to the oche during the first week of October, and with virtually all last season's teams competing again, and some new names to be blooded, another highly enjoyable campaign can be looked forward to by all. The AGM last June confirmed that League formats will be much the same as last year, although the ladies will now play two games each of 301 and Mickey Mouse. Any other new teams, or individual players, wishing to participate can contact Ian Thomas on 3712938, or Dougie Francis on 2455455 extn 4703.

## Asian volleyball

SEOUL, Sept 20, (Reuters). Results at the fifth Asian Men's Volleyball Championship today. China beat Iraq 3-0 (15-12 15-6 15-0), South Korea beat Iran 3-0 (15-4 15-6 15-12), Pakistan beat India 3-1 (8-15 16-14 15-12 15-13), Japan beat Kuwait 3-0 (15-5 15-9 15-8).

## Baseball results

NEW YORK, Sept 20, (Reuters). Results of Major League baseball games played yesterday.

National League	
New York	5
St. Louis	5
Pittsburgh	4
San Diego	5
Atlanta	3
San Francisco	3
American League	
Milwaukee	ppd
Toronto	6
Oakland	5
Baltimore	6
California	7
Kansas City	5
Texas	5

## Labourer killed

TURIN, Italy, Sept 20, (Reuters). A labourer was killed at the Turin soccer stadium yesterday in the second fatal accident in a month at building sites linked to Italy's hosting of the 1990 World Cup finals.

## Paris Open

PARIS, Sept 20, (Reuters). Twenty-three of the world's top 26 players have entered the \$1.1 million Paris Open men's tennis Grand Prix starting on Oct 30, organisers said today.

## Ida football

THE finals of 6th Ida Memorial Football Tournament will be held between Gos Cultural Association and Salceote United tomorrow at Sour grounds at 3.30 pm. Ali Noor, Kuwait TV and radio newscaster will be the chief guest and Mrs Ali Noor will give away the prizes.

## Capitals win

RIGA, U.S.S.R. Sept 20, (AP). One was born in South Africa, the other in England. But the two teenagers had to come to Latvia to prove they have the talent to play in the National Hockey league. Olof Kolberg and Byron Dufour combined to stop 29 of 30 shots last night as the Washington Capitals defeated Riga Dynamo 2-1 in overtime to give the NHL a 5-1 record on its eight-game Soviet tour.

## US couple repeat Cup win

## Nehru Athletics Meeting ends

NEW DELHI, Sept 20, (Reuters). Sandra Farmer-Patrick and husband David Patrick of the United States repeated their World Cup triumph with another double win in the 400 metres hurdles on the last day of the Nehru Athletics Meeting today.

Farmer-Patrick hurdled smoothly past Soviet Union's Bera Ordina in the final straight to finish in 54.89 seconds. Bera was second in 56.82.

The crowd forgave the elegant Jamaican-born athlete for beating local favourite P.T. Usha into third place when Patrick hurried over from the stands to kiss his wife.

In his race Patrick lagged five metres behind compatriot George Porter until the second last hurdle, when he made a powerful sprint to the finish. He clocked 49.97, well behind his winning 48.74 time in Barcelona.

Porter clocked 50.13 and third-placed P. Amarasekera of Sri Lanka 52.46.

Farmer-Patrick is a member of Florence Griffith-Joyner's Track Club and shares the retired sprint champion's hallmark of long, brightly-painted fingernails.

But she denied trying to model herself in Flojo.

Results: Men's 400 metres hurdles: 1. David Patrick (US) 49.97 seconds; 2. George Porter (US) 50.13; 3. P. Amarasekera (Sri Lanka) 52.46.

Women's 400 metres hurdles: 1. Sandra Patrick-Farmer (US)



Sandra Patrick-Farmer clears a hurdle on her way to victory. (Reuters wirephoto)

54.89; 2. Bera Ordina (Soviet Union) 56.82; 3. P.T. Usha (India) 57.15.

Pole vault: 1. Hermann Fehringer (Austria) 5.45 metres; 2. M.A. Eldo (India) 4.80; 3.

Javed Iqbal (Pakistan) 4.70.

Women's 400 metres: 1. Jennifer Stoute (Britain) 51.70 seconds; 2. Judi Foras (Hungary) 52.84; 3. Michelle Taylor (US) 54.68.

Men's high jump: 1. Rick Noji (US) 2.23 metres; 2. Sergei Maltchenko (Soviet Union) 2.20; 3. N. Annavi (India) 2.05.

Triple jump: 1. Kenny Harrison (US) 16.94 metres; 2. Andrzej Grabarczyk (Poland) 16.48; 3. Robert Cannon (US) 16.19.

Men's 400 metres: 1. Danny Everett (US) 45.49 seconds; 2. Oliver Bridges (US) 45.77; 3. Kevin Young (US) 46.23.

Women's 100 metres: 1. Evelyn Ashford (US) 11.26 seconds; 2. Stephanie Douglas (Britain) 11.81; 3. Sabine Treiber (Austria) 11.89.

Men's 200 metres: 1. Floyd Heard (US) 20.63 seconds; 2. John Regis (Britain) 20.74; 3. Kevin Young (US) 21.21.

Men's 800 metres: 1. Billy Conchella (Kenya) one min 46.34 sec; 2. Ray Brown (US) 1:46.66; 3. Ken Washington (US) 1:47.87.

Women's 1,500 metres: 1. Rosa Kutty (India) 4:28.03; 2. Kamlesh (India) 4:28.69; 3. Josaine Nairac Boule (Mauritius) 4:29.75.

Men's 5,000 metres: 1. John Docherty (Ireland) 14:04.74; 2. Khalid Skah (Morocco) 14:05.19; 3. B. Longiros (Uganda) 14:40.63.

Men's 4x100 metres relay: 1. US 40.14; 2. India 41.07; 3. Mauritius 44.15.

## BRIDGE

RESULTS of Sheraton bridge club's game held on Tuesday:

N/S: 1. Shah & Zubair; 2. Meouchi & Drexler; 3. Mrs Rita & Zaanari.

E/W: 1. Mesdari & Lalala; 2. Mrs Pereira & D'Souza; 3. Ravi & Mukherjee.

Sheraton Bridge Club will hold a team of four tournament tomorrow at 4.00 pm.

Results of the Westminster System-17 Club game played at the Regency Palace on Sunday:

1. Sherin Basoyumi & Ahmed Heidi; 2. Said Al Saleh & Sultan Ali; 3. Nabil Akel & Narendra Shah.

Results of the Hubsra Centre Bridge Club game played on Sept 9:

## N/S

1. Nabil Akel & Ray Chaudhry; 2. Said Al Saleh & John Burkel; 3. Nabil Akel & Narendra Shah.

E/W: 1. Jaya & Ravi Sagre; 2. Nazareth & Jawahire; 3. Beatrice Pereira & Aubrey D'Souza.

Results of the Hubsra Centre Bridge Club game played on Sept 16:

N/S: 1. Laila Merabi & Mohammed El Baz; 2. Lolli Murtwate & Donna Materny; 3. Nabil Akel & Narendra Shah.

E/W: 1. Beatrice Pereira & Aubrey D'Souza; 2. Salma Ali & George Massoud; 3. Sherin Basoyumi & Carsten Buns.

Results of the Regency Ladies Bridge Club game played yesterday:

1. Nida Khalaf & Subendran Oskay; 2. Nabil Akel & Lolli Murtwate; 3. Rabab Abboushi & Ghada Sarraf.

The first game of the Messiah Ladies Bridge Club will start at 9.00 am on Monday, Sept 25 at the Messiah premises.



Tareq Al Alyan (2nd left) with Khouloud (extreme right) and his sponsors. Al Othman is third from right. (Photo by Halitham Murshed)

## Al Wazzan out to regain title

THE 1989/90 Kuwait National Rally Championship kicks off tomorrow with two new stages near the Subiya road. The season will consist of nine events, and Marlboro veteran Tareq Al Wazzan will be out to regain his champion's title after a series of problems in the 1988/89 season.

The man who will be trying to stop him is reigning Kuwait Champion Eid Fala Al Farzan, who will be driving a Nissan Patrol in this event.

Wazzan will be piloting a Marlboro backed Range Rover on Friday, and will have the advantage of four wheel drive. However, the two stages offer opportunities to two wheel drive and four wheel drive cars alike, as they present drivers with a variety of surfaces and conditions.

Marlboro co-driver Khaled Khalifa explained, "the stages are very nice. They will favour the driver who has a fast car, good driving skills and accurate pace notes."

Another driver expected to do well is Tareq Al Alyan, who is being sponsored by Mild Seven Lights Cigarettes on behalf of their clients Japan Tobacco International Corp. Alyan's wife Khouloud is his

co-driver.

The cigarette company decision to sponsor Al Alyan is based on the driver's success in the previous seasons, according to Noori Abdullah Al Othman who addressed a press conference held yesterday at the SAS Hotel to announce the sponsorship.

Al Alyan has been taking part in rallies since 1977 but 1987 was his best as he took the Desert Challenge trophy that year. He finished second in last year's championship.

The organisers have announced that a total of 21 cars will be taking part in the rally. The rally starts tomorrow at 9.00am from the Kuwait International Hotel.

The cars will then leave for the Subiya and Mutlaa areas where the special stages will be held. The stages have been divided into sections with six stages in the first and four in the second.

The first car is expected back at the Kuwait International at 5.00pm.

Therally is being organised by Wael Al Khoury of KT Club.



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